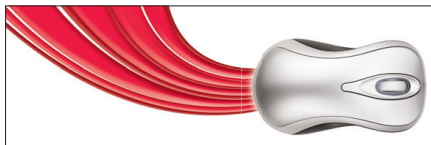

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A model walks the runway yesterday at the Pamella Roland spring 2010 fashion show at Bryant Park in New York City. The show was part of New York Fashion Week.

Election Bloc-ers

Separatists will back Tories to avert fall vote ... for now

Stephen Harper's minority government is poised to survive at least its first confidence test this week, thanks to the very separatists and socialists so often derided by the prime minister.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe announced yesterday that his party will support the government on a crucial budget vote Friday.

The vote is on a ways-and-means motion that paves the way for implementation of a host of budget measures, including the popular home renovation tax credit.

New Democrats are expected to follow suit, wooed by the government's promise to extend employment insurance benefits for longtime workers whose benefits are starting to run out.

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Gilles Duceppe

Man arrested at Burlington elementary school with gun

A Burlington elementary school was closed yesterday after a bizarre incident in which a man was running through its halls with a shotgun several hours before classes were to begin.

Halton region police arrived and surrounded the school, then arrested a suspect after a brief foot chase when he left the building.

Staff Sgt. Robert Lloyd said the suspect "threw an object over a fence while being chased" and officers later recovered a loaded shotgun.

Justin Stroud, 21, of Waterdown faces numerous charges.

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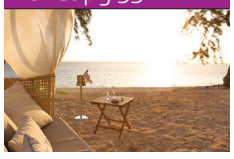

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Former Vaughan mayor faces charges

Former Vaughan mayor Michael Di Biase, left, faces 27 charges involving alleged election finance irregularities in connection with the city's 2006 municipal election, in which he lost the seat to Linda Jackson by just 90 votes. The charges, laid by independent prosecutor Timothy Wilkin in a Newmarket court, come more than three months after a 59-page forensic audit revealed the former mayor was refusing to disclose the names of his financial benefactors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Ex-OLG boss headed to court

Finance minister vowing to fight wrongful dismissal suit

The ousted CEO of Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. says she was fired by the government because she refused to terminate other executives to create a public scapegoat for expense abuses.

Kelly McDougald was fired in late August as the Liberals released thousands of pages of "unacceptable" expense claims filed by lottery corporation executives.

She launched an $8.4-million wrongful dismissal suit last Friday against the OLG, the Crown and Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

The Canadian Press has obtained a copy of McDougald's notice of claim, in which she says Duncan ordered her to fire the chief financial officer and one other executive, leaving the choice of who else to fire up to her.

Kelly McDougald

However, McDougald says she sought legal advice and told Duncan she could not fire anyone with cause to serve as "the symbol of change" the minister was looking for.

The notice of claim says McDougald offered to resign if the government would live up to the severance clause in her contract, which would have eliminated the need for her lawsuit.

In the legislature yesterday, Duncan said the government would dispute the claims in court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No charges coming in van bomb scare

COURT Shaun Morris may not have made the smartest or safest decision when he rigged his red Astro van to run on hydrogen — but a Crown attorney says it wasn't illegal.

After spending the night in custody, the 27-year-old was released without charges yesterday afternoon and taken to a nearby hospital for a mental assessment.

His alternative fuel experiment led to a massive evacuation in northeast Scarborough Monday afternoon. Thousands of people across a 1.6-kilometre radius were urged to leave their homes and businesses after officers went door to door.

"Basically, it looked just like a pipe bomb." Officer familiar with the van case

"Basically, it looked just like a pipe bomb," said one officer familiar with the case.

The situation intensified when investigators realized the van was parked near a propane tank, sparking the mass evacuation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

COURT Unrepentant to the end, David Carswell has dodged a jail term for having child porn images on his computer. Justice Nancy Dawson, who said the 55-year-old retired school teacher has shown no remorse after she convicted him, spared him a jail cell and instead sentenced him to six months of house arrest. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ondine film **Colin Farrell**

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Director Neil Jordan and actor Colin Farrell pose onstage at the Ondine press conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel yesterday in Toronto.

Grits to roll out cancer coverage plan

SCREENING A Liberal backbencher wants the Ontario government to extend breast cancer screening to women aged 40 to 49.

Right now, it is only women between the ages of 50 and 69 who can access screening without a doctor's referral.

Those in their 40s are left with what Liberal David Orazietti calls "ad hoc mammography services."

Orazietti says there is significant medical evidence backing the importance of early screening, and notes that several other provinces — as well as the United States — allow younger women into organized breast screenings. Health Minister David Caplan says the province is committed to an integrated screening package that goes beyond breast cancer and also deals with colorectal and cervical cancer.

NDP critic Cheri DiNovo says her party supports the bill, but says she'd also like to see an improvement in access to primary care for all women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caplan

- Caplan himself said the province was looking at an integrated screening package and would be rolling a plan out soon.
- The package would include colorectal and cervical cancer as well as breast cancer.

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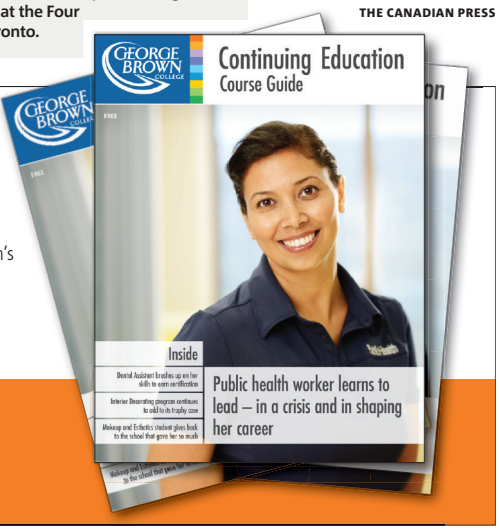

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Senior dies after being hit by GO train

Halton police say an elderly man has died after being hit by a GO train in Oakville. Police say the man, believed to be in his 80s, walked onto the tracks in front of the train shortly after 6 p.m. on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGuinty wants EI system overhaul

Premier credits recent changes but decries smaller share for Ontario residents

Proposed changes to employment insurance by the federal Conservatives are a step in the right direction, but a bigger overhaul of the system is needed to ensure the next generation of workers can benefit from the program if they lose their jobs, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

"The Harper government is proposing some things which I think will help, in an immediate way, but I think we have to bring a major re-think to the program," McGuinty said.

"We need to reform the employment insurance system in a more fundamental way."

"I think we have to bring a major re-think to the program."
Dalton McGuinty

McGuinty says the new plan — which extends benefits for workers who have been employed for seven of the past ten years — doesn't take into account the modern economy and the fact that an increasing number of young people are working on contract or are self-employed.

He also noted the changes don't address one of Ontario's biggest issues with EI — the fact that people in the province receive less support than those in other parts of country. McGuinty has long decried what he calls a lack of fairness in a program that gives unemployed Ontario residents about $4,000 less than jobless workers in other provinces, and has called for a single national standard. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strike has driving schools in neutral

NEGOTIATIONS Some Toronto-area driving schools say their business is being run off the road by the 25-day provincial driving examiners' strike.

The dispute between the examiners' union and the company that runs the provincial test centres stalled again Sunday, after a return last week to the bargaining table with a provincial mediator.

Although the Ministry of Transportation is extending existing licences and permits for the duration of the strike, new applications are on hold until the 56 test centres reopen.

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News in brief

SHOOTING Canada-wide arrest warrants have been issued by Peel Police for two men wanted in last Friday's fatal shooting of a Brampton man. Gurmit Singh Randhawa, 27, and Sawaran Singh Sekhon, 40, both of no fixed address, are wanted for second-degree murder. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BMO kicks off United drive in big Way

CHARITY Generating as much excitement as a red-carpet premiere, United Way Toronto launched its annual fundraising campaign with a full house of supporters and a $1 million goody bag from BMO.

The special donation, which was announced yesterday as United Way rolled out its 2009 campaign, will bring the charity that much closer to this year's goal of $107.5 million, president and CEO Francis Lankin told hundreds of supporters jammed into the lobby of First Canadian Place.

"This gift goes above and beyond BMO's annual campaign pledge," she said. "It's proof that people in our city come together when it matters most — not only to meet the most urgent needs in our community but also to address the root causes of social challenges."

The money will be used to develop a Community Hub strategy to ease health and social service needs and pump new life into some of the city's poorest neighbourhoods.

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The United Way kicked off the 2009 fundraising campaign by announcing a goal of $107.5 million to help fund health and social services in the city.

And though the economy is on a slow road to recovery, both Downe and Lankin warned it will be some time before the effects are felt in communities where many struggle even in good times.

According to Lankin, Ontario and Toronto were hard hit by what she called "the worst recession since the Great Depression."

The economy was blamed for the $2.5 million shortfall at the end of last year's campaign — the first time in 18 years Toronto's United Way had failed to reach its target. Still, it was the second-highest amount raised in its 52-year history, Lankin noted.

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Ontario gets Iggy's tax support?

HARMONIZATION Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff won't block tax harmonization in Ontario if his party forms the next government, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

"We have secured Mr. Ignatieff's commitment to moving ahead with the single sales tax should he earn the privilege of serving Canadians in government," McGuinty said.

He also hinted that the federal Liberals wouldn't stop British Columbia from merging its provincial sales tax with the federal GST, either.

Michael Ignatieff

"I believe that both B.C. and Ontario will secure the necessary commitments from any potential federal government to move ahead with a single sales tax, so I'm confident in that," he said.

Ignatieff, who has withdrawn his party's support of the minority Conservative government, denounced what he called the "Harper Sales Tax" while visiting B.C. two weeks ago.He criticized the Tories for pushing federal harmonization during a recession, then trying to disavow its role in convincing Ontario and B.C. to move ahead with it.

Ignatieff had no comment yesterday.

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Splash stays in downtown pool

The pool at Jarvis Collegiate in downtown Toronto has been thrown a lifeline with $60,000 in funding from Kiwanis Club of Toronto, Manulife Financial and the YMCA, taking it off the list of 13 school pools to be drained at the end of the year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Consumers hang up on landlines

A growing number of Canadians are expected to give up their landlines for cellphones, continuing a trend that some say will gather momentum as new companies enter the market with competitive packages.

Rogers Communications Inc., which owns the Fido and Rogers services, already has a couple of plans targeted at consumers giving up their landlines, Rogers Wireless president Rob Bruce said yesterday.

"I think it's going to be a huge future growth opportunity from a wireless perspective," Bruce told the annual BMO Capital Markets media and telecom conference in Toronto.

"We believe it's a trend that's going to continue ..."
Rob Bruce, Rogers

Bruce noted that some Fido customers, about nine per cent nationally, have given up landlines in favour of plans that offer, for example, 2,000 minutes a month (33.3 hours) for $40.

"We believe it's a trend that's going to continue to accelerate going forward, particularly with the proliferation of plans," Bruce told the conference.

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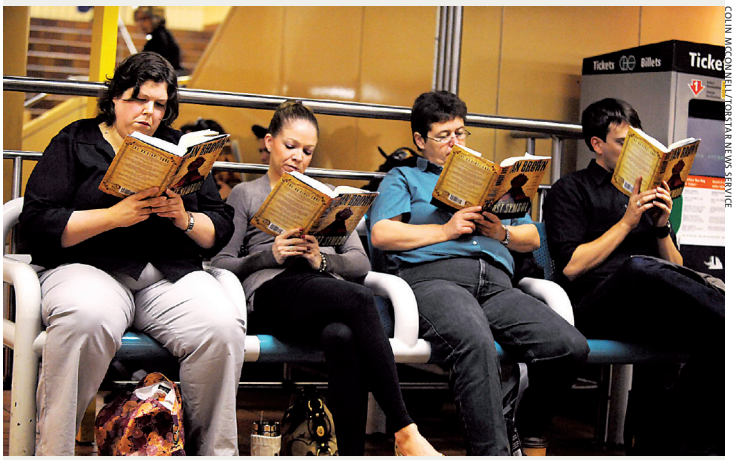

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The GO concourse at Union Station was full of people getting an early copy of The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown, author of The Da Vinci Code. Staff from Indigo Books were on hand selling the title for $25 yesterday. More coverage, page 41.

Free online content better for Torstar: CEO

MEDIA Torstar Corp., one of Canada's largest newspaper publishers, says it is better off making its content widely available online instead of making users pay for access.

Although it's difficult to make money online, the paper is reaching more readers than ever before, Torstar interim president and CEO David Holland told the annual BMO Capital Markets media and telecom conference yesterday.

"We still think we're in the media business and have got to generate ad revenue," he said. "I think, as of today, we still want to appeal to a pretty broad audience and are going to try to work through that."

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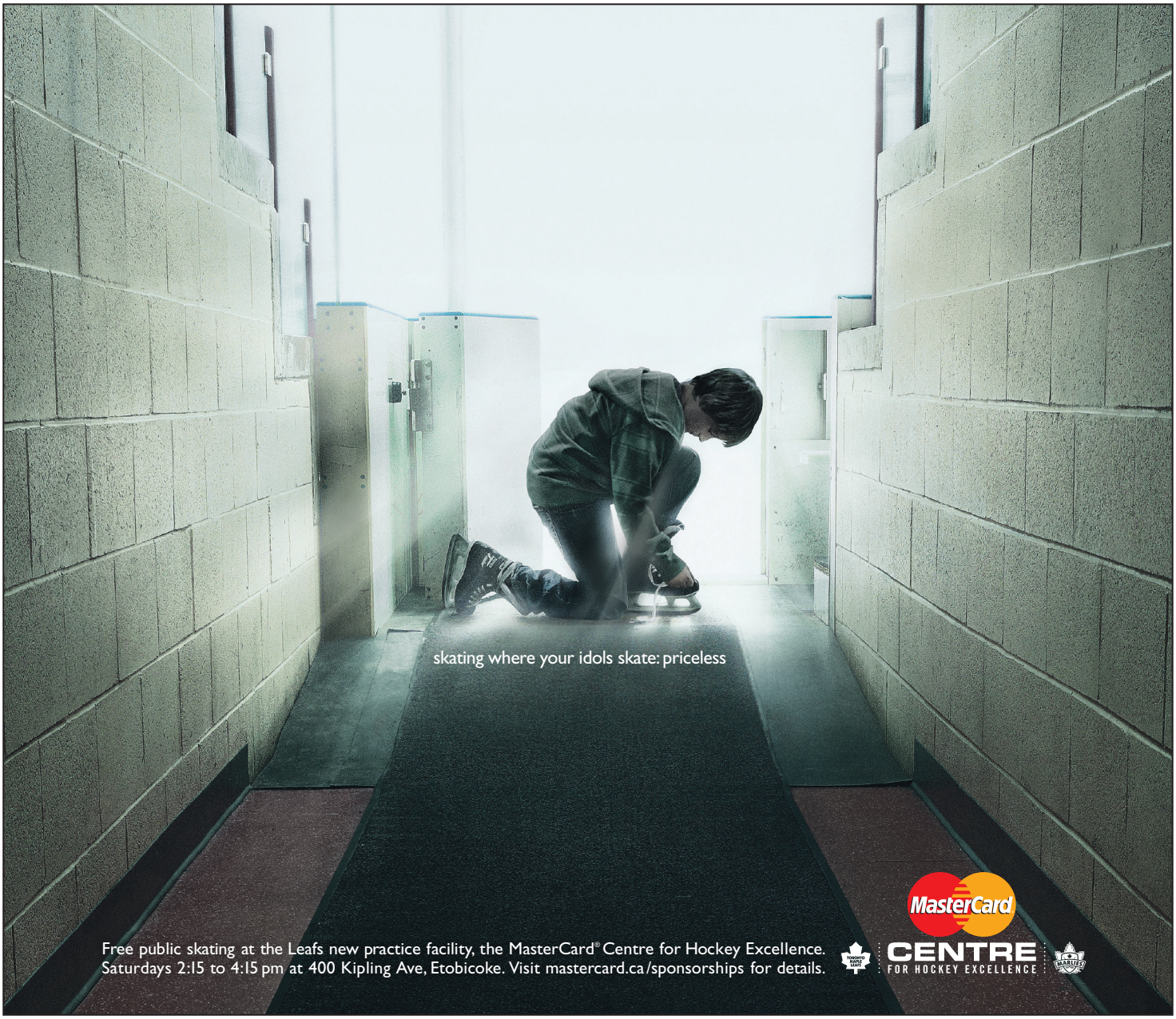

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Winnipeg man gets six years in prison for fatal drunk-driving collision

An exotic dancer-turned-carpenter has been sentenced to six years in prison for a drunk-driving accident that killed a Winnipeg grandmother at a busy intersection. Hugo Sergio Ruizfuentes pleaded guilty last month to impaired driving causing death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Discontent credited for byelection win

The new Wildrose Alliance member of the Alberta legislature says he won Monday's by-election in Calgary because voters liked his policies and are upset with Tory Premier Ed Stelmach, left. Paul Hinman says voters told him Stelmach has mismanaged the provincial economy and health system and runs a tight-fisted caucus that brooks no dissent. Hinman made history when he broke the Tories' 40-year hold on the tony riding of Calgary-Glenmore. THE CANADIAN PRESS

White-collar crackdown

Conservatives plan tougher measures under new legislation

Fraudsters and other white-collar criminals would face mandatory minimum jail terms, longer sentences and confiscation of assets under new legislation the Harper government plans to introduce this fall.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson made the announcement yesterday and blamed the opposition parties for why measures weren't introduced earlier.

"I don't have to tell you how difficult it is to get anything passed in the criminal justice area in a minority parliament," he said.

"It's not a priority with any three of them."

The allegation drew a swift rebuke from Liberal justice critic Dominic LeBlanc, who accused the government of using victims as props for political purposes. LeBlanc said his party agrees with the general thrust of the government's proposals.

Although the minister called the bill just the first step in the government's crackdown, Nicholson gave no details of the range of minimum sentences he has in mind, which kind of fraud would apply, or how penalties would be meted out.

Nicholson said the government is also planning to change the rule that allows white-collar criminals to get parole after serving just one-sixth of their sentence. And it would allow for longer sentences in the case of aggravating circumstances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, left, and Public Works Minister Christian Paradis make an announcement on legislation to crack down on white-collar crime in Ottawa yesterday.

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Lengthier sentences won't aid crime prevention, expert says

POLICY Viewed through the lens of the latest American research in crime prevention, Canada's government got things just about exactly backwards yesterday.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson announced proposed changes that would increase sentences for convicted white-collar criminals, without providing any additional resources for investigating and prosecuting such crimes.

"Certainty and swiftness (of conviction are) more important than severity."
Mark Kleiman, UCLA

The message sent is that if you happen to be caught and convicted — a rarity in Canada — you'll face serious time.

But when it comes to additional investigative resources, Nicholson could only point to a paltry $10 million for the RCMP's integrated market enforcement teams in the 2007 budget.

Mark Kleiman, a professor of public policy at UCLA, said the solution is to "apply what every mother ... knows."

"If people mostly get away with (crime) but occasionally get creamed, they're going to keep doing it," he said.

"Not only are certainty and swiftness (of conviction) more important than severity, severity is the enemy of certainty and swiftness."

He makes that case on a number of levels, ranging from court resources to probation practices.

He advocates sharply targeting police activities while ramping back stiff, budget-busting prison sentences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rise in roadside attacks forces goal re-evaluation

AFGHANISTAN The rising tide of violence that hit Kandahar last spring and the arrival of thousands of U.S. troops has forced Canada to "refine" its targets for success in the war-ravaged region, says the latest federal report on the Afghan mission.

108%
The amount by which roadside bomb attacks in Kandahar skyrocketed in spring 2009 compared with spring 2008.

The number of roadside bomb or booby trap attacks skyrocketed by 108 per cent when compared with spring 2008 in the volatile province where 2,850 Canadian troops have been fighting Taliban militants for more than three years.

The bombings coincided with the arrival of thousands of U.S. reinforcements in southern Afghanistan and sharply slowed progress on development projects, says the report covering April to June 2009.

Measuring the level of security provided by the Afghan National Army has been one of the key pillars of Ottawa's 2011 exit strategy. But instead of tracking the number of districts where local troops are present and effective, Ottawa now intends to count the number of operations conducted by the fledgling force.

The report says the American military buildup has allowed Canadian troops to concentrate on defending Kandahar city and its populated approaches, and the ceding of territory to the Americans prompted the revision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nova Scotia government told to wait to balance budget
An economic adviser says it would be "unwise" for Nova Scotia to try to balance the books within the next 18 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilsands protested as Harper heads south

The oilsands were the target yesterday of environmental activists in Niagara Falls and northern Alberta on the eve of a meeting between Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama.

Two dozen Greenpeace members from Canada, the U.S, and France chained themselves to giant earth-moving equipment, shutting down Shell's massive Albian Sands oilsands mine in northwestern Alberta for several hours.

The protesters placed banners on the ground reading, "Tarsands: Climate Crime." On the American side of Niagara Falls, five people from the Rainforest Action Network unfurled a 21-metre by 12-metre banner reading "clean energy future" and "tarsands oil" with arrows pointing in opposite directions.

After a few hours, the protesters released the banner, voluntarily climbed back up to an observation deck and were taken into custody.

"Canadian tarsands oil undermines North America's clean energy future," said protest spokeswoman Nell Greenberg.

In Alberta, both Shell and RCMP were eager to see a peaceful end to the demonstration as it stretched on through most of the day.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terrorism poll

• There's a startling new poll about the 9/11 terrorists on the eve of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's meeting with the U.S. president. A Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests more Canadians than Americans believe some of the 9/11 perpetrators entered the United States through Canada. Only 19 per cent of Americans polled believe it, compared with 29 per cent of Canadians.

Alberta reports drug-resistant case of flu

Flu Outbreak

HEALTH Alberta Health Services is reporting Canada's second drug-resistant case of swine flu — one of about two dozen such cases around the world.

Officials were busy yesterday trying to determine if anyone who came into contact with the Alberta woman last month has been infected, but they were optimistic this was an isolated case.

"The patient was not hospitalized and has since recovered," said Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta's senior medical officer of health.

"This is not unexpected. However, it is important because oseltamivir is one of our main tools in dealing with the pandemic. But we don't think this is going to change our approach in any way because it is an isolated case as far as we know at this time."

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Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta Health Services senior medical officer of health, speaks to media in Edmonton yesterday about a case of drug-resistant pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection.

Health officials say any resistance to oseltamivir, also known as Tamiflu, could possibly lead to further cases of resistant disease and might affect how the disease spreads.

About 24 cases of drug-resistant swine flu have been reported around the world, including the U.S., Denmark, Australia, China and Singapore.

Most cases have been in people who have taken the drug, either as treatment for swine flu or to prevent swine flu after they were exposed to it.

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Conservatives hold slim lead in support poll as vote looms

ELECTION The election frenzy gripping the country's political class hasn't stirred movement among voters, a new poll suggests.

The latest survey by The Canadian Press Harris-Decima indicates the Conservatives were maintaining a slight lead in popular support, with 34 per cent to the Liberals' 30 per cent. The NDP were at 15 per cent, the Green party at 10, and the Bloc Québécois at nine. The findings from the rolling two-week poll were virtually unchanged from last week, even though politicians have been jockeying non-stop for electoral advantage.

4% The Conservatives, with 34 per cent of public support, hold a four per cent lead over the Liberals.

In Ontario, the survey found the Liberals and Tories in a dead heat, with 38 per cent and 35 per cent support. The NDP was a distant third with 15 per cent while the Greens had 10 per cent.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper to send Mulroney video ice-breaker

GALA Prime Minister Stephen Harper will publicly reach out to Brian Mulroney in a video to be shown this week at a gala.

Sources tell The Canadian Press that Harper recorded a congratulatory message to be aired tomorrow at the celebration of Mulroney's 1984 electoral victory at the helm of the Progressive Conservative party. The video represents Harper's first show of solidarity with Mulroney in two years.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Giant turbine will harness Bay of Fundy's water power

A turbine 10 metres in diameter will be installed in the Bay of Fundy this fall as part of a test on harnessing the earth's mightiest water flows. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Richard Nsanzabaganwa, left, president of the Canadian Association for the Rwandan Tutsi Genocide Survivors, and Dr. Bruce Broomhall, professor of international criminal law, talk with reporters outside the Montreal courthouse yesterday. The two commented on the Desire Munyaneza case.

Crown wants life

T.O. man convicted of atrocities in Rwanda

Prosecutors want a life sentence for Canada's first war crimes convict.

Crown lawyer Pascale Ledoux says Desire Munyaneza should spend the maximum amount of time behind bars.

Ledoux argued that after raping dozens of women, participating in the slaughter of hundreds inside a church, and using sticks to beat children tied in sacks, Munyaneza, 42, deserves the maximum punishment possible.

"In light of the horrible circumstances of this case, the only logical conclusion is the maximum penalty," Ledoux said.

Munyaneza was found guilty of seven war crimes committed during one of history's worst atrocities — the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

> **"In light of the horrible circumstances of this case, the only logical conclusion is the maximum penalty."**
> Pascale Ledoux

About 800,000 Rwandans — mostly minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus — were slaughtered.

The Crown says aggravating factors in the Munyaneza case warrant a stiff sentence, and it made its case during a sentencing hearing that wrapped up yesterday.

Lawyers are debating parole eligibility on some of the convictions.

The Crown is asking for life sentences without possibilty of parole on three of the seven charges.

Justice Andre Denis is to hand down a sentence on Oct. 29.

His verdict in May made Munyaneza the first person to be convicted under Canada's Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act, enacted in 2000.

The defence is appealing the verdict.

Munyaneza was arrested by the RCMP at his Toronto-area home in 2005.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swastika kid: Is it free expression?

CHILDREN A Manitoba man is citing "freedom of expression" after one of his children showed up at school with racist slogans and drawings on her body.

And he says the province had no right to seize his children after the incident.

In new court documents, the man argues the government has violated his Charter rights by preventing him and his wife from "expressing themselves to their children."

Manitoba Child and Family Services is seeking permanent care of the couple's two children.

The government argues freedom of expression does not extend to writing slogans in marker on children's bodies.

The government also says the couple's racist beliefs were only one factor in the decision to seize the children.

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Background

- The girl in the case arrived at school with a swastika on her arm in March 2008. A teacher scrubbed it off.
- Case workers went to the family's apartment, where they found neo-Nazi symbols and flags. They took custody of the couple's daughter and son.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bilingual Games race being lost?

LANGUAGE Olympic organizers are running out of cash and time to make the 2010 Vancouver Games as bilingual as promised.

That's the message from Canada's Official Languages Commissioner.

Graham Fraser says organizers have come a long way in understanding exactly what's required to fulfil their French language obligations.

But there are still concerns over providing service to spectators, athletes and the media in both languages.

Fraser also says some key federal government agencies are behind on their bilingual game.

He says it's not clear service in both languages will be available at some airports and other areas.

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North Korean ship thwarts pirate hijackers

Somali pirates tried but failed to hijack a North Korean cargo ship when crew members fought back with molotov cocktails and sped away, a maritime official said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Terror camp planner sentenced

A Lebanese-born Swede has been sentenced to life in prison for plotting to open a terrorism training camp in Oregon. U.S. District Judge John Keenan sentenced Oussama Kassir yesterday in New York. He was convicted in May of supporting al-Qaida by trying to help open the camp in Bly, Oregon, in 1999. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A manual for Mideast peace

Israeli and Palestinian activists yesterday unveiled the most detailed vision yet of what a peace deal could look like — more than 400 pages crammed with maps, timetables for troop withdrawals and even a list of weapons a non-militarized Palestine would be barred from having.

The manual has no official standing, but has generated interest among Israeli and Palestinian leaders and is meant to show it's still possible to establish a Palestinian state alongside Israel, despite many setbacks, said those involved in the drafting.

"If you want to resolve the conflict, here is the recipe," said Gadi Baltiansky, a leader of the Israeli team.

But the proposal also served to highlight the staggering difficulties and expense involved in implementing a future deal.

Drawing a border between Israel and Palestine will require building bridges, tunnels and border terminals inside Jerusalem. About 100,000 Jewish settlers would have to be removed from their homes.

For now, Israeli and Palestinian leaders aren't talking.

U.S. President Barack Obama's special Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, pressed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday to curtail settlement construction, but announced no breakthroughs.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has said he won't resume talks without a settlement freeze.

The core of the plan is a Palestinian state in nearly 98 per cent of the West Bank, all of the Gaza Strip and the Arab-populated areas of Jerusalem.

The plan was put together over the past two years by Israeli and Palestinian experts, ex-government officials and former negotiators. It builds on the 50-page outline of a peace deal published in 2003 by the same group, known as the Geneva Initiative.

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A complex plan

- The plan highlights how complex and expensive peace will be. A sunken four-lane highway with bridges and tunnels would be built through Israel to link the West Bank and Gaza, administered by the Palestinians but under Israeli sovereignty. Israeli motorists would have to carry tracking devices on designated transit routes through Palestine to make sure they don't go astray.

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An Afghan man and a boy listen to music from an iPod given to them by German ISAF soldiers during a long term patrol in Yaftal e Sofla, east of Kunduz, Afghanistan, yesterday.

Afghan runoff may be unavoidable

ELECTION Ballots from about 10 per cent of Afghanistan's polling stations need recounting because of suspicions of fraud, the chief election watchdog said yesterday, increasing the chances that President Hamid Karzai could face a runoff.

Afghanistan's second direct presidential vote, a critical test of the West's effort to foster democracy in the country, has been tainted by allegations of massive fraud, and the final results, which were to be announced Thursday, may now be weeks away.

Meanwhile, diplomatic manoeuvrings to agree on an outcome that would be credible to Afghans and the outside world turned public yesterday with confirmation that Peter Galbraith, the top American official at the UN mission in Kabul, left the country following a disagreement with his boss, Norwegian diplomat Kai Eide, over the election.

Grant Kippen, the Canadian head of the Electoral Complaints Commission, the UN-backed body charged with investigations of allegations of fraud, said that ballots from more than 2,500 of the approximately 26,300 polling sites in the Aug. 20 election need to be recounted.

He said it was not clear how long that would take but hinted that weeks of work remain.

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Germany **Sausage party?**

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel holds up an original Thuringian grilled sausage next to Christine Lieberknecht, minister for social affairs for the state of Thuringia, during a campaign stop yesterday. German general elections take place Sept. 27.

Yale murder yields 'person of interest'

CONNECTICUT Police have identified a "person of interest" in the killing of a Yale University graduate student whose body was hidden for days in a wall in a university research building, a Connecticut state official said yesterday.

The official has firsthand knowledge of the police investigation into the death of 24-year-old Annie Le and would not elaborate on what was meant by "person of interest." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing.

Police said earlier yesterday that they had questioned 150 people in connection with the death of Le, who vanished Sept. 8 from a Yale research building. Her body was found Sunday, on what would have been her wedding day, stuffed behind a wall in a basement laboratory. State prosecutors also blocked the release of autopsy results in Le's death yesterday.

Annie Le

The chief state medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide Monday but have yet to say the manner in which Le died.

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News in brief

COLORADO The U.S. Forest Service has apologized for suggesting that campers who eat tortillas, drink Tecate beer and play Spanish music may be armed marijuana growers, calling it "regrettable." Forest Service officials apologized to Hispanic leaders in a meeting two weeks ago and released a written apology this week. The service issued a warning about drug growers last month amid an investigation into marijuana being cultivated in national forests in Colorado.

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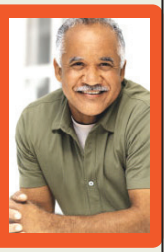
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Crews close to beating record-breaking wildfire
The largest wildfire in Los Angeles County history was 91 per cent contained yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi shoe-thrower now fears for his life

Journalist out of prison after attack on Bush

He's free — and he's still angry.

The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at George W. Bush was released from prison yesterday and defiantly accused Iraqi security forces of torturing him with beatings, whippings and electric shocks.

He promised to reveal the names of senior officials in the Iraqi government and army who he said were involved in mistreating him.

And he said he now fears for his life and believes U.S. intelligence agents will chase after him and "try to kill and liquidate me either physically, socially or professionally."

Muntadhar al-Zeidi's stunning shoe-throwing act of protest last December made him a hero in the Arab and Muslim worlds.

But there was little public outpouring of support for al-Zeidi on his release after a nine-month sentence, possibly reflecting a cooling of passions now that American troops have pulled back from Iraq's cities.

But al-Zeidi told reporters his country is still "held captive" by U.S. occupation.

"Simply put, what incited me toward confrontation is the oppression that fell upon my people and how the occupation wanted to humiliate my homeland by placing it under its boots," he said.

His protest came on Bush's final visit to Iraq as the U.S. president.

At a press conference, al-Zeidi shot up from his chair and hurled his shoes toward Bush at the podium, shouting "This is your farewell kiss, you dog!" and "This is from the widows, the orphans and those who were killed in Iraq."

Bush ducked twice and was unhurt. Al-Zeidi was wrestled to the ground by other journalists and security men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi talks to the media yesterday.

"This is your farewell kiss, you dog!"
Muntadhar al-Zeidi's message to George W. Bush

Princely sum for Harry

Prince Harry has turned 25, making the eligible bachelor entitled to part of his inheritance from his late mother Diana, Princess of Wales.

The prince was spending his birthday by continuing his pilot training in the Royal Air Force Monday.

With inheritance tax deducted, the estate was valued at nearly 13 million pounds 12 years ago, but its present value has not been disclosed.

In today's currency markets, that would be worth nearly $22 million US. Under the will, the princes are entitled to all the income from their part of the estate when they are 25.

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News in brief

EMISSIONS The Obama administration yesterday unveiled its plan to require better gas mileage for cars and trucks and tougher rules on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions. The new standards call for the auto industry's fleet of new vehicles to average 35.5 miles per gallon (15 kilometres per litre) by 2016. The change covers model years 2012-16.

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Taking aim at oilsands

Greenpeace report sizes up environmental consequences

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Those Greenpeace people are at it again. This time they're not chasing down whalers and draping themselves over their harpoons.

This time they're taking it straight to Canada's engine of economic growth, that driver of the petro-loonie, the oilsands.

This week, just in time for today's meeting between Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama, Greenpeace issued a report called Dirty — How The Tarsands Are Fuelling Global Climate Change, which claims the oilsands produce more greenhouse gases than some countries. And as an added distraction, activists chained themselves to a giant dump truck yesterday at Shell's Albian Sands site in northern Alberta.

First National Geographic, now Greenpeace. The oilsands' image is so bad that one professor at the University of Calgary thinks the Alberta government should hire a PR firm to fight back in case all this bad publicity eventually hurts foreign investment in Alberta, especially from Europe, which has no seals left to club or oil to extract and is therefore concentrating on exporting sanctimoniousness.

Don't get me wrong. I have a great deal of respect for Andrew Nikiforuk, the great Canadian journalist who wrote the report, certainly more than I have for fearless front-line eco-warriors and their apparently endless supply of chains. And if you don't think the oilsands have environmental consequences, tell that to the 1,600 dead ducks who went for their last swim in a Syncrude tailings pond on their flight south last spring.

But while it makes a good headline, the countries cited by Nikiforuk are Estonia and Lithuania, two industrial micro-states, while Canada is one of the world's largest — and by far its friendliest — supplier of energy. So if Osama bin Laden declares himself king of the OPEC states, the oilsands will be there to keep the lights on, something both Europe and Greenpeace should meditate on when they can take a moment from all that declaring.

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For those who think it's unfair or cynical to plead a geopolitical case, there's always the fact that coal-fired energy generation is far and away the largest producer of greenhouse gases, but for some reason, Greenpeace has failed to chain itself around a coal-fired generating plant. That's probably because they can't get into the U.S. thanks to the ceaseless vigilance of Homeland Security.

Maybe Greenpeace should chain itself to the Netherlands instead, which is one of the top five greenhouse gas producers on the planet, despite those picturesque windmills. Plus, unlike the U.S., it's a real pushover, homeland security-wise.

Greenpeace is certainly not likely to pick another fight with France, despite its addiction to nuclear power, an environmental non-non. As I recall, the last time Greenpeace tried to get in the way of *l'épreuve nucléair*, the French employed a memorably explosive brand of public relations.

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Worth mentioning

Records cast light on Jack the Ripper's victims

The world is endlessly fascinated with Jack the Ripper — but what about his victims?

Yesterday, an online genealogy company published census information that casts light on the lives of the women murdered by the Victorian serial killer.

The company (findmypast.com) trawled records of Britain's 1881 census for information on the five women generally accepted as victims of the Ripper: Mary Ann Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes and Mary Jane Kelly.

All were killed between Aug. 31 and Dec. 20, 1888, in London's East End, where they worked as prostitutes.

The firm said the census data — available on its site and elsewhere online — provides "a small window onto the past" and dispels an image some people may have of the victims as teenage streetwalkers. Most were formerly married women with children who resorted to prostitution when their lives took a turn for the worse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Possible suspects

- No one was ever prosecuted for the murders, helping to fuel speculation about his identity that continues to this day. Among the suspects identified at various times are: Francis Tumblety, an American quack doctor; Sir William Gull, physician to Queen Victoria; Victoria's grandson, Prince Albert Victor; and the artist Walter Sickert.

Word on the street: If there was an election today, what party would you vote for and why?

John Labarge
age 56, Toronto

A: Liberal, because I'm a member of the Liberals.

Tony Clark
age 29, Toronto

A: I'd probably have to go with NDP just because I'm really pissed off with both the Conservatives and the Liberals. They've been really childish with everything.

Charlie Samms
age 58, Toronto

A: I would vote for the Green party because I don't think the other parties have much to offer. I think the Green party offers hope.

Debbie Cole
age 21, Ottawa

A: It's hard to say. I don't agree with a lot of the decisions the Conservatives have made, but I still think of the sponsorship scandal with the Liberals. I'm not over that.

Ryan Swain
age 19, Halifax

A: The Green party I guess. I just don't like what's going on with the other parties right now who have the most power. I'd probably go with the Green party to start something new, something fresh.

David Leeder
age 24, Edmonton

A: I see a definite lack of leadership in all parties in the country ... I wouldn't vote for anyone right now.

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Apple hires Intel's top lawyer

Apple Inc. says it has hired Intel Corp.'s top lawyer, Bruce Sewell, a day after the chip maker announced his departure. Apple said Sewell will report to CEO Steve Jobs as the company's general counsel and senior vice-president for legal and government affairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Warning fails to slow loonie

The Canadian dollar jumped more than a US cent yesterday even though the Bank of Canada sent out a warning about the loonie's persistent strength earlier in the day.

The loonie reached a high of 93.36 cents US before closing at 93.34 cents, up 1.05 cents US. This was a jump from Monday's close of 92.29 cents.

The lower likelihood of an election call this weekend may have also nudged the dollar higher as vote-weary Canadians experienced temporary relief.

But Bank of Canada deputy governor John Murray warned that a strong loonie was a barrier to growth, which may make the road to Canadian economic recovery rougher than desired.

Murray's caution was contained in the notes of a speech delivered to a business conference in Berlin yesterday morning.

He said the global recovery is expected to be slow and protracted, citing high household and financial sector debt and trade impediments.

Still, Murray said Canada is enjoying several advantages over many other countries, including a sounder banking sector, low government debt and more balanced household spending.

The bank has been repeatedly warning about the dangers of a strong dollar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Talking down the loonie

- Few economists expect Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney to go beyond jawboning the loonie down.
- The bank's official forecast for growth next year of three per cent is based on the loonie averaging about 86 cents US.

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Buoyant investors drive TSX index to year's highest level

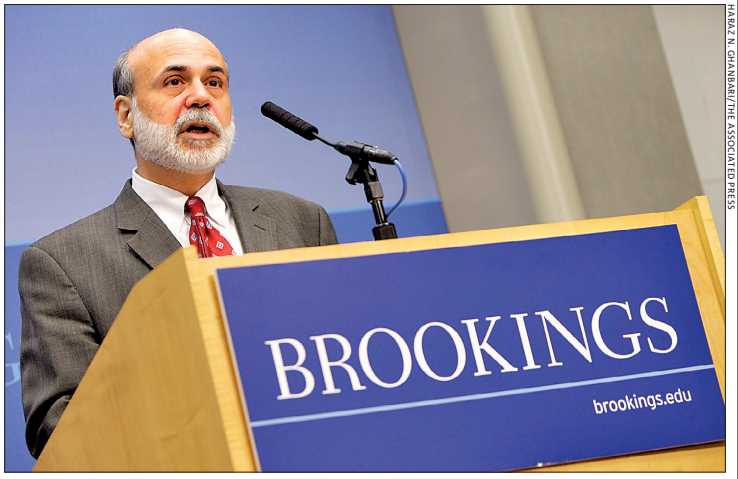
MARKETS The Toronto stock market racked up a solid advance yesterday to its highest point of the year as commodity prices rose and investors took in mixed consumer data from the United States.

The S&P/TSX composite index ran up 163.79 points to 11,495.83 on hopes that an economic recovery is taking hold and third-quarter earnings won't disappoint.

The Canadian dollar moved up 1.05 cents to 93.34 cents US even as the Bank of Canada again warned that headwinds from a strong currency are posing a risk to a smooth economic recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Memories

- In the background of trading this week are memories of the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers a year ago, which triggered the worst global financial crisis in 70 years. Stock markets didn't bottom until early March and, since then, the TSX has roared ahead 52 per cent and some analysts say markets are ripe for some sort of retracement.



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U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke speaks at the Brookings Institution in Washington yesterday where he said the worst recession since the 1930s is probably over.

Bernanke says recession 'very likely over'

ECONOMY U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the worst recession since the 1930s is probably over.

Bernanke, responding to questions at the Brookings Institution, said the economy likely is growing now, but it won't be sufficient to prevent the unemployment rate, now at a 26-year high of 9.7 per cent, from rising.

The Fed boss also said he is confident Congress will enact a revamp of the nation's financial rule book to prevent a future crisis from happening. It has been "too big a calamity" over the past year, with the near meltdown of the U.S. financial system, for Congress not to take action, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Growth

- Analysts predict the economy is growing at an annual rate of 3 to 4 per cent. It contracted at a 1 per cent pace in the second quarter.

Aberdeen posts lower Q2 profit

EARNINGS Aberdeen International Inc. posted a second-quarter profit of $479,753, down from a year-earlier earnings of $1.4 million. The resource investment and merchant bank said yesterday that both earnings equalled to a penny a share.

The Toronto company booked a net investment gain for the period ended July 31 of $7.1 million versus a loss of $674,654.

George Faught, president and chief executive said: "We are pleased with the rebound in the portfolio this quarter and expect the portfolio to continue to appreciate in a rising gold environment."

The price for gold on the New York Mercantile Exchange has started to creep up close to the all-time high it hit in March 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Best Buy gains U.S. market share

RESULTS Best Buy Co., the largest U.S. electronics retailer, said yesterday second-quarter results fell below expectations but the company gained market share and said it sees signs customer traffic is stabilizing. Profit fell 22 per cent to $158 million US from $202 million last year.

Top sellers were notebook computers, phones and flat-panel TVs, offset by weakness in gaming, digital cameras, music and movies. The company gained market share because of the closing of Circuit City stores this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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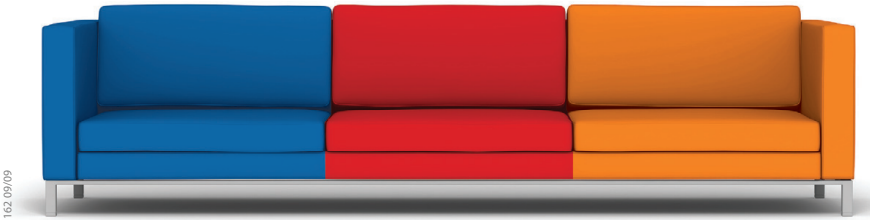

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Internet company clicks its way into profit
Superclick Inc.'s sales from new business helped prop up its third-quarter net revenues almost 50 per cent and increase its profits 47 per cent, the Montreal-based Internet services company said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airlines still in crisis

Revenue crash is $80B less than in 2008

The airline industry says recent losses have been worse than what they were after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, because of rising fuel costs and lower revenues.

The International Air Transport Association, a Montreal-based association of airlines, yesterday painted a grim picture of an industry in crisis.

CEO Giovanni Bisignani told a Washington news conference that expected losses in 2009 would be $2 billion US more than previously forecast.

IATA predicts that the global airline industry will lose $11 billion in 2009, with an estimated loss of more than $6 billion in the first half alone.

"The global economic storm may be abating, but airlines have not yet found safe harbour," Bisignani said. "The crisis continues."

"The global economic storm may be abating, but airlines have not yet found safe harbour."
Giovanni Bisignani, CEO of IATA

Bisignani said revenues this year will be $80 billion US below 2008 levels.

Passenger and cargo revenues are expected to fall in 2009, led by a 20 per cent drop in demand for business travel. Passenger traffic is also expected to decline by four per cent, and cargo by 24 per cent, for 2009.

IATA says the situation is being made worse by the rising cost of fuel. Spot oil prices have been driven up sharply in anticipation of improved economic conditions.

The group estimates losses next year of $3.8 billion. It doesn't expect airline profits until 2011 at the earliest. "Revenues are not likely to return to 2008 levels until 2012 at the earliest," Bisignani added.

Bisignani also said the combined projected losses of 2008 and 2009 were $27.8 billion US — larger than the impact of 9/11.

Industry losses for 2001-2002 were $24.3 billion US as the post-September 2001 terrorist attacks led to a huge drop in air travel.

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News in brief

REAL ESTATE Resales of Canadian homes held steady and the national average price soared in August as the supply of existing homes for resale dwindled to a five-year low, the Canadian Real Estate Association said yesterday. A total of 42,483 homes traded hands across the country last month through the Multiple Listing Service, an increase of 18.5 per cent from August 2008, the industry association said. The national MLS residential average price rose 11.3 per cent from year-ago levels to $324,779, a record high for the seasonally slow month of August. Sales varied in various parts of the country, with about three-quarters of all local market showing increases from August 2008.

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Bombardier Breaking new ground

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Guy Hachey, left, president and COO of Bombardier Aerospace, and Benjamin Boehm, vice-president for commercial aircrafts, take part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bombardier CSeries assembly plant yesterday in Mirabel, Que. The new line of Bombardier aircraft is expected to be delivered by 2013.

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Group takes Redskins case to highest court

A group of American Indians who find the Washington Redskins name offensive wants the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the matter. The seven Native Americans have been working through the court system since 1992 to have the Redskins trademarks declared invalid. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

Slicin' with Kimbo

Season 10 of UFC's The Ultimate Fighter reality show starts tonight. Internet sensation Kimbo Slice, left, put aside a dispute with UFC president Dana White to take part in the show and viewers will see a different side of the street fighter. Fellow cast members have described Slice as "a nice guy" and a "really good cook." The show airs on Spike and Rogers Sportsnet. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Van Ryn in tough for roster spot

HOCKEY The Leafs are taking things slowly with hard-luck defenceman Mike Van Ryn. The London native suffered four major injuries last season, including a concussion and a torn medial collateral ligament in his knee. He missed 55 games, and isn't likely to see any pre-season action until next week.

"I can't wait,"' said Van Ryn. "It's been a long road. I'm close, it's just we're taking it easy with the knee."

With so many NHL-calibre defencemen in camp, there's no guaranteed job waiting for Van Ryn.

"He has to compete with all the other guys, and he's a little bit behind the 8-ball," said Leafs coach Ron Wilson. "I have a soft spot for him, how hard he played and how well he played last year.

"Then again, it's all about winning, and we'll put always the best six defencemen we can find on the ice."

Van Ryn's name didn't come up when Wilson talked about his top-four blue-liners — Tomas Kaberle, Mike Komisarek, Luke Schenn and Francois Beauchemin. Van Ryn is lumped in with that bubble group fighting for the final two jobs with Jeff Finger, Ian White, Jonas Frogren and Garnet Exelby.

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Heart surgery for Monster

Joey MacDonald to get more work as Gustavsson recovers

Goaltender Jonas (The Monster) Gustavsson had minor heart surgery, rookie right-winger Mikhail Stefanovich scored two goals in a scrimmage and returning forward John Mitchell continued to impress at Maple Leafs training camp yesterday.

The NHL club's exhibition opener is at home tonight against Boston and coach Ron Wilson says among players in the lineup will be rookie standouts Tyler Bozak and Nazem Kadri, comeback longshot Jason Allison and intimidating bashers Colton Orr, Andre Deveaux, Phil Oreskovic and Jay Rosehill.

"We outlawed fisticuffs (during camp) so we've got some guys who are itching to show us what they can do if it comes to that," said Wilson. "We're good and ready for some exhibition games."

There will also be games tomorrow in London against Philadelphia, Friday in Pittsburgh and back home Saturday against the Flyers.

Gustavsson went to hospital with a racing heartbeat following fitness tests Saturday, took part in on-ice sessions Monday, and had minor surgery yesterday.

"They go in and touch a part of his heart that was misfiring," said Wilson. "It's a simple procedure that's actually fairly common with athletes.

"It's not a difficult procedure. We don't expect him to miss more than 48 hours. You don't want him to put his gear on until he's comfortable and there's no risk of infection (at the site of the incision in the groin area)."

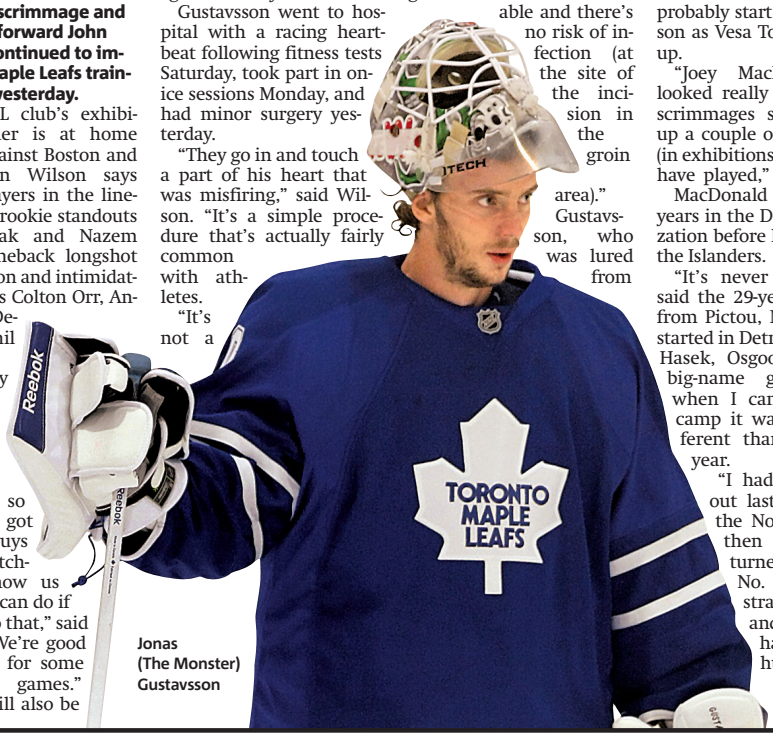
Gustavsson, who was lured from his Swedish team with a big free-agent deal, or Joey MacDonald, who got into 59 games with the New York Islanders last season, will probably start the NHL season as Vesa Toskala's backup.

"Joey MacDonald has looked really good in the scrimmages so he'll take up a couple of the periods (in exhibitions) Jonas would have played," said Wilson.

MacDonald spent six years in the Detroit organization before his stint with the Islanders.

"It's never been easy," said the 29-year-old goalie from Pictou, N.S. "When I started in Detroit there was Hasek, Osgood, all these big-name goalies, and when I came into this camp it wasn't any different than any other year.

"I had to battle it out last year to get the No. 2 spot and then the No. 2 turned into the No. 1. It's a strange game and things can happen in a hurry." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Dominique Dorsey returns to Boatmen

CFL Dominique Dorsey, one of the smallest men in professional football, has returned to fill a big hole for the Toronto Argonauts.

The 5-foot-7, 170-pound speedster jogged onto the practice field in Mississauga yesterday to the hugs of his teammates and relief of Argos management after a failed attempt to make the Washington Redskins.

Last season's CFL outstanding special teams player is expected to be returning punts and kickoffs Saturday night as the Argos (3-7) travel to Vancouver to take on the B.C. Lions (4-6).

"It's definitely a great feeling," said the 26-year-old California native who is entering his fifth CFL season, third as an Argo. "Guys have welcomed me back with open arms and I'm happy right now."

One of the few bright spots on a team that finished 4-14 last season, Dorsey signed a three-year deal with the Redskins last winter. He was among their final roster cuts at the end of pre-season and was expecting to land on Washington's practice roster, but was told Sunday that wasn't happening.

"(The Redskins) said one thing and did another. So they lost out and I'm here now."
Dominique Dorsey

"It didn't work out in my favour. They said one thing and did another," Dorsey said of the Redskins.

"So they lost out and I'm here now," said Dorsey, who comes back in the option year of his contract with the Argos. "I've got to keep moving forward and push on to do what I do best."

Despite missing five games last season, Dorsey led the CFL in all-purpose yards with 2,892. Most of that was picked up on kickoff, punt and missed field goal returns — 2,196 yards and two touchdowns — but he also added 410 yards rushing and 286 yards receiving.

Running back Jamal Robertson, who leads the team with 1,250 all-purpose yards through 10 games this season, said while he's surprised Dorsey didn't land a job in the NFL "it's a great thing he's here.

"It's hard to replace a Dominique Dorsey as a returner with his vision, his explosiveness," Robertson said. "The only way to replace him is to have him back, so it's perfect."

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Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Lotus is returning to Formula One racing. Yesterday, FIA, the sport's governing body, awarded Lotus the 13th spot on the grid for the 2010 season. Lotus has been out of F1 since 1994.

BASKETBALL Miami Heat basketball operations employees have accepted up to a 20 per cent pay cut in order to avoid layoffs. The cuts affect everyone in the department, including team president Pat Riley, head coach Erik Spoelstra, assistant coaches, scouts and others. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel first reported the salary reduction in its editions yesterday. Player salaries are not being affected.

HOCKEY The Columbus Blue Jackets have signed centre Antoine Vermette to a five-year contract extension through the 2014-15 season. Yesterday's announcement did not disclose the deal's terms, but The Columbus Dispatch reports that the extension is worth $3.75 million US per year.

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Blue Jays' 2010 schedule released
The Toronto Blue Jays will open their 2010 season on April 5 on the road in Texas, according to the 2010 Major League Baseball schedule released yesterday. Toronto's home opener is April 12 against the Chicago White Sox. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Madrid, Man U win in Champions League

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice on his Champions League debut for Real Madrid to lead his new team to a 5-2 win at FC Zurich, while the Manchester United side he left after last season's final won its opening match 1-0 at Besiktas.

World player of the year Ronaldo scored from a pair of free kicks for the record nine-time European champion, although the second was punched into the net by Johnny Leoni as the goalkeeper tried to clear it.

Former European champions AC Milan and Bayern Munich also won their first group matches, while Chelsea beat visiting FC Porto 1-0 and Juventus stuttered to a 1-1 draw with Bordeaux.

Milan won 2-1 at Marseille, Bayern Munich won 3-0 at Maccabi Haifa and Atletico Madrid was held to a 0-0 draw by debut-making Cypriot side APOEL Nicosia.

Without a European title since 2003, Madrid was ahead 3-0 at halftime in Switzerland and sealed its win with another two goals in the closing moments.

Ronaldo opened the scoring in the 27th minute with a free kick past Leoni, and Raul Gonzalez made it 2-0 seven minutes later.

Gonzalo Higuain scored from a pass by Raul in first-half injury time to seemingly put the match beyond Zurich, but the debut-making side scored twice in a minute.

Xavier Margairaz hit a 64th-minute penalty following a foul on Alexandre Alphonse by 'keeper Iker Casillas and Silvan Aegerter headed in to make it 3-2, but Ronaldo's second kick and a goal by Jose Maria Gutierrez made the game safe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Africa seeks UN probe on sex-tested runner

TRACK South Africa's minister for women and children has filed a complaint with the United Nations over how Caster Semenya's case was handled.

Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya says the international athletics governing body failed to safeguard the confidentiality of the runner whose sex has been questioned. She says they showed "blatant disregard" for Semenya's "human dignity."

The complaint made Monday asks the UN Division for the Advancement of Women to investigate the matter.

The International Association of Athletics Federations has refused to confirm or deny Australian media reports saying sex tests show that the women's 800-metre world champion has both male and female characteristics.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Jake Peavy is set to make his first start for the Chicago White Sox. The former Cy Young winner will start Saturday at home against the Kansas City Royals. It will be Peavy's first start for the White Sox since they acquired the right-hander from the San Diego Padres at the trading deadline, a deal that cost them four minor leaguers.

TRACK Jamaica is renaming a highway after Usain Bolt and giving the world's fastest man its highest civic honour. The link between St. Catherine and Clarendon parishes will soon be renamed Usain Bolt Highway, the prime minister announced yesterday. It's the same highway on which the Jamaican sprinter injured his foot in a car crash this year.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Skilled Trades

For the month of September, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the extremely lucrative and soon to be booming employment sector of skilled trades. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

$5M for skills training in B.C.

The B.C. government announced last Friday $5.2 million to help 1,000 unemployed residents of the province acquire the skills needed to return to the workforce or to further their education. The province is providing $1.5 million to a plethora of B.C. schools to offer 17 intakes across 10 programs to provide unemployed workers with general or job-specific skills. The remaining $3.2 million will fund a labour market consortium made up of 15 educational institutions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Skilled Trades

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While most people think of tools and materials when they think of renovations, it's the skilled tradespeople who put those materials to work that make the real magic happen.

The career professionals who master their chosen trade represent a culmination of experience and knowledge that can only be gained through dedication and hard work.

Bricklayer

Bricklayer and master mason Willi Rieder, 49, finished his career training at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and completed his apprenticeship when he was 23 years old. He started Alpine Masonry in Surrey, B.C. in 1990 and still lays brick on a daily basis because he likes to personally ensure a high quality level of work.

Like many trades, the masonry field is desperate for young blood to enter the fray but getting young people to start a career isn't easy. Rieder says many young people don't realize how much work and expertise goes into being a mason and as a result many give up before finishing their apprenticeships.

"Masonry is a very difficult trade because there's a lot of things you have to learn and you have to be mentally and physically in shape. It's definitely an art to learn and it takes a lot of practice and a lot of time," Rieder said.

Masons not only have to be knowledgeable about hundreds of different products, each one with its own specific quirks and mixing limits, but they also have to maintain a steady laying hand despite lifting upwards of 500 bricks each day. Add to that the intricacies of scaffolding construction and takedown, cooperating with structural engineers and it becomes obvious that details are what matters to a mason.

"You have to learn so much because there are so many details you have to know in your job," Rieder said.

Roofer

Your roof protects your entire house as well as you within it, so suffice it to say professional roofers take their job very seriously.

Robert Bedard, 40, was a natural who learned his craft from a master roofer because no formal training program existed when he started. Today he has nearly 20 years of roofing under his belt and says the toughest part of being a roofer is handling the physicality of the job.

"You use every muscle in your body — the only thing that doesn't hurt at the end of the day is your head. You've definitely got to be in tip-top shape," Bedard said.

Bedard works for Great Canadian Roofing based in Edmonton and says creative thinking is a large part of the job as well, since every roof is different and figuring out how to work effectively around chimneys, windows and other additions takes some real smarts.

"You need a real ability to problem-solve," Bedard said.

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Criminal use of Internet at work?
Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers or if they violate hate propaganda or obscenity laws. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job. **FROM DANIEL LUBLIN'S COLUMN (BELOW)**

Watch what you click in the office

WorkplaceLaw

All employees should remember that the company owns all the computers at its workplace and thus management has the right to monitor your Internet use at work.

The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees now correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or underworked, surf the Internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating online. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use policies — or create new ones altogether.

But, what happens when employee privacy rights collide with an employer's right to monitor its workplace?

First, employees can too easily confuse freedom of speech with freedom from workplace consequences. Employers own workplace computers and the networks and they maintain the right to monitor employee Internet use, with or without notice to the employees. Therefore, employees can be disciplined or even fired for Internet transgressions:

• Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.

• Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dismissal. In a previous column, I reviewed the case of two employees who were fired after distributing a vulgar email at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker. In a more recent case, a New Brunswick judge upheld the dismissal of an employee finding that his conduct amounted to sexual harassment because the female IT manager who performed an audit on his computer found the websites he visited "offensive."

• And it's not just internet misuse at work that can land employees in my offices seeking legal advice. If the content of an employee's blog, Myspace or Facebook page can be construed as having a connection to the workplace, discipline will often be justified. In a recent case, an arbitrator upheld an employee's dismissal where her employer, a retirement home, came across a personal blog the employee created with postings that expressed her disdain for the residents and management. It didn't matter that the employee had created and maintained her blog at home or that she intended for it to be private; its connection to the workplace was obvious and any member of the public could view it. In this decision, the court sent the message that blog postings were not casual and Canadians should carefully consider contents before posting anything.

How should workplaces adapt to these challenges?

• Employers should prepare and circulate policies on acceptable Internet use, detailing what will be considered inappropriate and reminding employees that, as they own the computers and equipment, they may be monitored randomly and without notice.

• Employees need to familiarize themselves with any policies in place and ensure that personal Internet use away from the office does not intersect with their jobs. This applies equally to the use of PDAs, BlackBerrys, blogs and Facebook.

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Trade secrets on the web a no-no

•Given the value placed on confidential information, courts are more likely to respect an employer's decision to fire an employee where his online habits or postings compromised, or even potentially compromised, a trade secret.

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Profiles of Success/Student Success

Celebs got start at local schools

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Forget U.S. Ivy League schools — the truth is plenty of Canadian success stories start right here at Toronto's own centres of higher education.

Some of the most famous and successful people in the world have studied in this city, proving you don't have to head south of the border to get an education that propels you.

RACHEL McADAMS
Actor, York University

As one of Hollywood's most respected and universally loved "it" girls, Rachel McAdams is well-known not only for her down-to-earth kindness and outstanding talent but also for being an out-and-about proud Canadian.

McAdams graduated from York University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and quickly set to work conquering Hollywood with lead roles in huge hits like Mean Girls, The Notebook, Wedding Crashers and Red Eye. Maclean's magazine touted her as the most watched actress of 2005, and she has become somewhat of a poster-girl for York's drama program.

McAdams' acting coach at York, professor David Rotenberg, has said casting agents were already chasing after McAdams before the end of her final year performance and that her education at York was a big part of her grounded approach to acting.

"We teach up at York that you've got to know where you come from — it's a big part of the training," Rotenberg said in a 2005 interview.

Rachel McAdams.
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GEORGE STROUMBOULOPOULOS
TV host, Humber College

The ever-hip, effervescently witty host of CBC's The Hour and former star VJ at MuchMusic, George Stroumboulopoulos has been knocking it out of the park on the air since graduating from Humber College's Radio Broadcasting program in 1994. As well-known for his incredible wealth of music and pop culture knowledge as his poignant interviewing skills, the lovable "Stromb o" is a hard worker who used his Humber experience to build his career from scratch to be one of Canada's most well-known celebrities.

George Stroumboulopoulos.
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NATALIE GLEBOVA
Miss Universe 2005, Ryerson University

A tall, ethereal beauty, Natalie Glebova brought the Miss Universe title home to Canadian soil in 2005 and has since used her notoriety to help a score of charitable causes including AIDS awareness.

Glebova graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Commerce in Informational Technology Management and Marketing (try saying that five times fast!) and has been putting her business smarts to work as ambassador for cosmetics and eyewear lines in Thailand as well as running her own charity, Party 4 Charity, which uses events to raise money for many social charities throughout Thailand.

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Natalie Glebova.

Other notable stars who went to Toronto institutions

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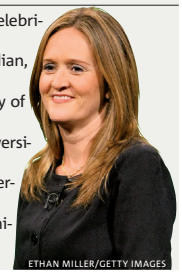
Atom Egoyan.

Plenty of other talented Canadian celebrities got their start at Toronto schools:

- **Samantha Bee**, right, comedian, George Brown Theatre School
- **Atom Egoyan**, filmmaker, University of Toronto
- **Kardinal Offishall**, rapper, York University
- **Brian Bailey**, fashion designer, Ryerson University
- **Don McKellar**, actor/filmmaker, University of Toronto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Pre-Apprenticeship Training Institute

As a successful graduate of the Pre-Apprenticeship Plumbing program, Radcliffe Dixon has been working full-time for over a year with a commercial plumbing contractor in the GTA.
A former employee of Johnson Controls (a Tier 2 supplier to the automotive industry, and GM in particular), Radcliffe had been laid off due to downsizing in the automotive industry. When he started looking into options for re-training and a second career, he came across the Youth Apprenticeship Standards Council (YASC).
"It was a perfect fit for me! YASC's approved training facility Pre-Apprenticeship Training Institute (PAT), offered a three month training program in plumbing - a trade I was always interested in. They (PAT) provided me with my tools, safety equipment, safety training and all the materials I needed to learn as much as I could in those three months to really be productive when I went out to work."
Radcliffe also commented that the fact that PAT and YASC had the reputation of being the place "where industry hires" really appealed to him. "Pre-Apprenticeship is the only training facility approved by YASC and it was through YASC that I landed my first plumbing job with a prominent plumbing contractor.
I am now out working in the trade, earning a living and well on my way to becoming a licensed plumber.
With the professional way Youth Apprenticeship Standards Council promotes PAT graduates and the training I received at PAT, it's no wonder contractors are hiring exclusively from these organizations." Radcliffe graduated at the end of August 2008 and has been working steady with a commercial plumbing company.

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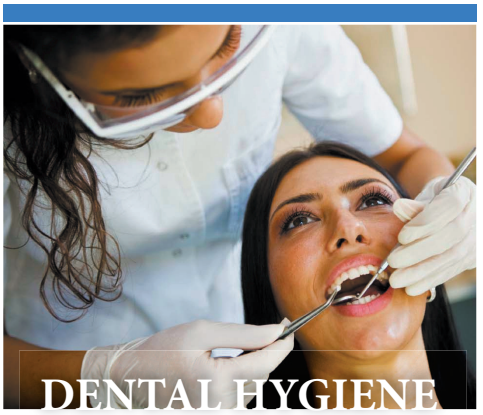
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Profiles of Seneca

Virginia Tran

Making people beautiful around the world

Virginia Tran never dreamed her career would have her work with singers such as Ashante, Kelly Rowland or Sean Paul. "I loved to do makeup growing up but lacked the knowledge to turn it into a career," Tran says. "Seneca taught me the fundamentals and to expand on my own as an artist." The 23-year-old's journey started in Seneca's Cosmetic Techniques and Management program. Since graduating in 2004, Tran has travelled the world. She started out in New York and California as an assistant makeup artist for Virgin Records, and now spends most of her time in Asia behind the scenes at major fashion shows.

Armen Zambrano and Lukas Sebastian Blakk

From Mozilla volunteers to software developers

Armen Zambrano and Lukas Sebastian Blakk were still months away from graduating, but that didn't stop Mozilla from hiring them. The Senecans will be doing a wide range of software work on the company's Firefox browser, including quality testing and writing code. The free open source web browser is improved and updated online by software developers all around the world. Armen and Lukas spent countless hours of their time volunteering as developers at Seneca's Centre for Open Source Development. Their work earned them internships in California and job offers with Mozilla a few months later.

Liberal Arts Program

Pathway to degrees at the University of Toronto, Trent and York University

"It's never too late to pursue your post-secondary goals," Liberal Arts graduate Howard Steinberg says. "I'm living proof of that." After graduating from high school, Steinberg spent four years trying to find his passion. While volunteering at a South African school, he discovered he wanted to be a teacher. Working toward that goal, he completed Seneca's Liberal Arts program and went on to a double major at York University. He is now completing York's Bachelor of Education program. Seneca's Liberal Arts program launched 10 years ago and has helped more than 2,000 students go on to university studies and graduate schools.

Enes Begovic

Selling success

Since graduating from Seneca, Enes Begovic has made more than his share of successful sales as a provincial territory manager with Hewlett-Packard Canada, one of the world's largest technology companies. His accounts include Fortune 500 companies and contracts worth millions of dollars. The 25-year-old learned all about selling products and services through Seneca's Business Administration – Marketing program. "Sales is about building relationships, believing in a product and selling it to people and businesses that will benefit from it," Enes says. "At Seneca I learned this vital information and got to hone my skills through hands-on sales presentations."

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More Moses

Barbara Moses' is also the author of The Good News About Careers: How You'll Be Working in the Next Decade, Career Intelligence : The 12 New Rules for Work and Life Success and Career Intelligence: Mastering the New Work and Personal Realities. See Amazon.ca for more.

Need a job? Think like a recruiter

Barbara Moses says the underlying principles of the job search haven't really changed much in the past decade, but there is something that's different — the need for job hunters to step up their game amid stiffer competition and increased demands from employers.

In today's economy, prospective employers are looking for employees who go above and beyond the job description.

"If you needed to be pretty good two years ago or a year ago when everyone was talking about talent wars now you need to be stellar," says Moses, president of BBM Human Resource Consultants Inc.

"Today, employers are expecting people to hit the ground running. It's not enough that you've done work that is similar to this in the past. They want to know that you can do the same job practically with your eyes closed and that you can do it at 150 per cent."

In keeping with the ever-evolving landscape of the working world, Moses has completed an updated and revised edition of "What Next?" (DK Publishing), which offers strategies to achieve work satisfaction, career success and to help land a job.

Recent job numbers from Statistics Canada showed signs Canada's economy was coming out of recession with 27,100 jobs created in August. However, the bigger picture wasn't entirely a rosy one. Most of the new net jobs were part-time positions, 3,500 full-time jobs were lost and the unemployment rate rose to 8.7 per cent.

In the midst of a tough economy and with both new graduates and laid-off workers among those in the thick of the job hunt, Moses says it's as critical as ever for individuals to put their networking skills to use. That includes mining and expanding contacts in their network, such as family, friends, former colleagues, and even service providers, like doctors and hairdressers, in addition to using social media.

She recalls one woman who sent out an email with the subject header "Please be my eyes and ears." In the body of the message, she talked about how she had lost her job and described the type of work she was looking for, briefly outlining her skills, abilities and experience. From the 100 emails she sent out, she received 60 responses.

"The reason why it worked was, number 1, she made it easy for those people to forward the message on," Moses says. "She made it easy to absorb the message and she also made them want to help her."

Moses says it's important job-seekers start with a "ruthless self-assessment" where they clearly articulate to employers who they are, what they're good at and the skills they have to offer. Then comes one of the principles Moses discusses in What Next? — the need for individuals to think like a recruiter.

"List the skills, abilities and experiences that you would be looking for," she says. "Now go back to your self-assessment and reframe everything you've done that spells out exactly how you can hit the ground running, how your skills are a perfect match."

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Stars mourn Swayze

Stars at TIFF, including Rob Lowe and Drew Barrymore, left, paused to share their memories of Patrick Swayze yesterday, who died on Monday. Drew Barrymore called the actor "the nicest man that one could ever meet." And Rob Lowe felt like he lost a brother. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cage's Bad Lieutenant gritty

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Rising out of the haze of cult movie geek controversy is Werner Herzog's Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans, an in-name-only remake of the legendary Abel Ferrara/Harvey Keitel corrupt cop shocker.

So notorious — and thus, so revered — is the original melodrama that fans universally sneered when the redux was announced last year, an Internet-fuelled tirade led by Ferrara himself.

But then word got out that often untamed Hollywood actor Nicolas Cage was to essay the role of titular naughty officer Terrence McDonagh, whose dabbling into hard drugs, extortion, prostitution and general debauchery eventually get the better of him.

Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes star in Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans.

Suddenly, ears were pricked up: It was revealed German art house guru Herzog was directing, and the sheer freakishness of the enterprise seemed irresistible.

"I wanted to do this film because I knew Werner would let me go a bit crazy with it," says Cage of his delightfully unhinged turn.

"Werner has a high tolerance for intensity, having worked so closely with Klaus Kinski for so many years on so many films, and he gave me the freedom to experiment with my performance."

Indeed, the relationship between Herzog and the late Kinski is the stuff of myth, with the two eccentrics even plotting to murder each other on set of their most staggering achievement, 1982's Fitzcarraldo. Cage himself has often channelled the same kind of lunatic energy Kinski was famous for, in films as diverse as John Woo's Face/Off, David Lynch's Wild at Heart, and the brilliantly deranged and less discussed Vampire's Kiss.

"I never reference previous parts I've done, at least not intentionally," he says.

"But I'm sure it all comes from the same place. Peter Loew in Vampire's Kiss and Terrence are both over-the-top characters, but Terrence's mania comes from the fact that he's an addict. Peter, well, y'know ... he's just nuts."

For every gritty, offbeat and graphic film Cage does — and Bad Lieutenant certainly counts as one of them — Cage will star in several mainstream pictures, like National Treasure, Knowing, and the upcoming Disney blockbuster The Sorcerers' Apprentice. Cage credits fatherhood and a social responsibility as the main reasons for the balance.

"When you incorporate fantasy into your films, you can give audiences and families all the entertainment and escape they want," Cage says.

"With all of the despair in the world and the state of the economy, that really affects my choices."

'I lie all the time,' Gervais admits

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

One nice thing that can be said about Ricky Gervais is that the man certainly hasn't changed with fame.

Watch The Invention Of Lying today at 11 a.m. at the Visa Screening Room

At the turn of the millennium, Gervais was a late-blooming comedian in his early 40s who'd worked in an office for years and eventually was able to make a TV series about it. That show was The Office, an instant classic that is considered one of the greatest TV comedies of all time.

Now Gervais has come to TIFF with his Hollywood directorial debut, The Invention Of Lying, featuring an all-star cast including Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe, Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, and Louis CK.

But despite the big budget and the celebrity cast, Gervais is still the chubby little man with the pug-nosed face we've always loved.

"This is what you get," Gervais told Metro. "If I played Genghis Khan, he'd have this hair with no makeup and sweatpants."

In the new high-concept comedy, Gervais plays the first man in the history of the human race to ever tell a lie. It's a role the comedian claims he has more than enough experience to pull off.

"I lie all the time," admitted Gervais. "But it's to protect people's feelings. If someone asks me to go to their baby's christening, I'll say, 'Oh I can't, I'm busy.' I don't say, 'It's just a little fat thing that looks like Winston Churchill. I've seen loads and I don't need to see yours.' As a nice member of the human race you can choose when to do it."

Working with a cast stocked with comedy icons was a joy for Gervais, and it inevitably made his job easier as a co-writer/director. However, when asked what he gained from the experience, the always self-deprecating comedian is quick to laugh it off.

"What have I learned? I learned nothing at all. I went in with a theory and I stuck with it and learned nothing. I did surround myself with people who are better at what they do than I am. It's as simple as that."

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The Invention Of Lying stars Ricky Gervais, left, and Rob Lowe.

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From stage to screen

InFocus
Richard Crouse

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Rock legend Alice Cooper appears in a cameo in Canadian director Rob Stefaniuk's film, Suck.

Suck, the new film from Canadian director Rob Stefaniuk, honours two age-old movie traditions. It's a vampire flick that pays homage to every cinematic bloodsucker from Bella to Edward Cullen and beyond, and it features musicians in acting roles. Rock legends Alice Cooper, Iggy Pop, Moby and Henry Rollins appear in cameos.

Since sound first merged with the flickering image, musicians have traded in their instruments for a shot at big-screen fame. Some have succeeded memorably — Sinatra took home an Oscar for From Here to Eternity — while others have floundered — I'm looking at you Madonna!

Perhaps one of the most surprising performances at this year's TIFF comes from someone most critics had written off as a person who should stick to singing or anything that doesn't involve acting. Mariah Carey's work in Glitter was a career killer; a performance so bad one critic wrote it made her "physically uncomfortable" to watch Mariah on the screen. At this year's fest, however, she's redeemed herself with a decidedly non-glittery role in the gritty drama Precious. It's a powerful performance that is being mentioned in the same breath as Oscar.

If Mariah earns an Academy Award nod, she'll join the exclusive club of musicians who successfully traverse the gap between music and movies.

Courtney Love didn't make it to the Oscar stage, but she was nominated for a Golden Globe for playing Althea Leasure Flynt in The People vs. Larry Flynt. The role of a drug-addicted hedonist may not have been much of a stretch for Love, but she brought depth and interest to a character who could have been a walking cliché.

Eminem did win an Oscar, but not for his acting. He took home a best original song trophy, but most critics agreed that his take on a poor white Detroit kid using rap to improve his life was better than average. His "roughed-up urban ghetto impression of James Dean" bagged him an MTV Award, but since then he has shied away from Hollywood (except for a brief cameo in Funny People) because he doesn't "choose to rub elbows with the whole Hollywood scene."

Many musicians have been sucked in and spit out by the Hollywood scene, but others, like David Bowie, Tom Waits (who appears in TIFF's The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus) and Dwight Yoakam, show that some musicians have staying power on the big screen.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Get Low a highlight

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

One of the most pleasant surprises of this year's Toronto International Film Festival has to be Aaron Schneider's debut feature Get Low. The small, but surprisingly powerful, movie tells the supposedly true story of an elderly hermit who returns to town for the first time in decades to plan a party for his own funeral. Despite being made by a first-time director, the film stars major American actors like Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, and Bill Murray. The project was a labour of love for everyone involved, who have been developing it for eight years.

Get Low screens at today at 2 p.m. at the Ryerson Theatre.

"You kind of loose count after the first four to five years," joked producer Dean Zanuck at the film's press conference. "I think the script was first sent to me in 2001. I was really taken by it and that's where the journey began. Every film is a struggle, but this was particularly difficult."

The movie may not have attracted much money, but it did attract some big names early on, including Robert Duvall, who has been with the film since the beginning. "Aaron Schneider came to visit me at my home in Virginia and I was interested, but then there was a big hiatus," said Duvall. "I didn't know if it was ever going to happen, but they came back a few years later and I couldn't resist."

Perhaps more elusive than collecting the money was getting Bill Murray to co-star in the project. The filmmakers always had him in mind for the role of a struggling funeral home director, but like everyone who has ever worked with the legendary comedian, they had a difficult time tracking him down.

"Bill Murray came on at the last minute," revealed Zanuk. "We knew he'd be perfect, but he doesn't read scripts and he doesn't have an agent. He has a 1-800 number that you call if you want to tell him about what you're doing, and he monitors it every now and then. He called back and asked for a script, but his lawyer said, 'Don't get too excited, he's asked for scripts before, he's even given producers notes only to never respond.' We were never sure if he'd actually do the movie until he showed up on the set."

Characteristically, Bill Murray was absent from the press conference, even though he had announced plans to attend.

Toronto streets abuzz

TIFF after dark
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Four days and counting before the 34th annual Toronto International Film Festival rolls up the red carpet on another year. While there are still hundreds of films to take in, the party circuit is slowly winding down to a precious few.

Women in Film and Television (WIFT), get into festival party fun with an evening soirée at the **Bata Shoe Museum** on Bloor Street. Expect the 300-plus guest list to include industry movers and shakers like **Cairo Time** director **Ruba Nadda** and acclaimed Canadian director **Patricia Rozema**. Party runs from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Mongrel Media finishes off its list of premiere parties with an after-screening gathering for the film **Cooking with Stella** at **Mildred's Temple Kitchen** in Liberty Village. Starts at 10 p.m.

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES
Ellen Page was at the Whip It press conference at the Four Seasons Hotel yesterday.

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES
Keanu Reeves and Robin Wright Penn were at the Four Seasons yesterday promoting The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee.

Leaves Of Grass star Keri Russell was at Cheval Monday.
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HELLO! on the red carpet

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Stunning in an emerald green cocktail frock, Jennifer Garner wowed fans and press alike on the red carpet at the Invention of Lying premiere at the Elgin Theatre on Monday.

Grass a welcome relief, loads of fun

Leaves Of Grass

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REVIEW Tim Blake Nelson's brainy fish-out-of-water comedy set in redneck Oklahoma stars Edward Norton and Keri Russell. It's loads of fun and a welcome relief from heavier fare at TIFF. Norton plays twins, one a university philosophy professor, the other a backwoods Oklahoma dope grower and dealer.

The professor has been estranged from his family for years but returns home when the dealer is murdered. But he's not dead, just scheming. He wants the professor to alibi him while he travels out of state to kill a Jewish lawyer/major drug lord. Susan Sarandon, their mother, lives in an old-age home so she can forget her troubles and stare out the window. Insane humour and the sheer novelty of seeing Norton play the double role make this a worthy and fun time.

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The Ape

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REVIEW The TIFF programme note for The Ape says it would be "criminally unfair" to offer anything like a synopsis of its contents. Enough to say that Jesper Ganslandt's film is a sparse, focused account of a man (Olle Sarri) reeling in the aftermath of some terrible (and initially mysterious) event, and that it skillfully approximates the texture of an ever-worsening nightmare.

The handheld camerawork clearly evokes the second-skin intimacy of the Dardennes but to an entirely different purpose: In this case, our proximity to the protagonist yields something like the opposite of understanding.

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Keri Russell and Edward Norton star in Leaves Of Grass.

The Invention Of Lying

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REVIEW After last year's sadly unpopular Ghost Town, The Office star Ricky Gervais returns to TIFF with his directorial debut. Set in a world where no one has ever told a lie, Gervais invents the art of bending the truth. It's a glossy high-concept affair filtered through the British comedian's distinct brand of discomfort humour and packed with an all-star cast.

The emotional and dramatic scenes might not fit in with this material as well as it does in Gervais' best work, and the never-ending lineup of celebrity guest stars can clog up the narrative, but as far as mainstream Hollywood comedies go, it doesn't get much better than this. I can't lie, I laughed quite a bit (lame joke, but true).

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Cooking With Stella

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REVIEW Lisa Ray and Don McKellar are Maya and Michael, a diplomat to the Canadian high commission in New Delhi and her chef husband.

They arrive at the official residence to find a tenured cook, an incomprehensible class system and a disapproving cook named Stella (Seema Biswas).

She's annoyed that Michael stays home; she has a 30-year-old black market grocery business to run using commission food.

An honest nanny (Shriya Saran) arrives on the scene — and chaos ensues.

Dilip Mehta's spirited, light-hearted outlook seems strangely out of synch with Stella's relentless corruption, but he certainly shoots a beautiful film.

Audiences will crave Indian food afterwards.

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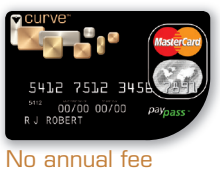

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Cooking with Stella (Gala) 6:30 PM
Love and Other Impossible Pursuits (Gala) 9:30 PM

VISA SCREENING ROOM
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre, 389 Yonge St..

The Invention of Lying 11 AM
Glorious 39 2:30 PM
Mother 6 PM
My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done 9 PM

AMC YONGE-DUNDAS
10 Dundas St. E., 4th floor

Gaia 2:15 PM
Toad's Oil (Gama no Abura) 2:30 PM
Tales From The Golden Age (Amintiri Din Epoca de Aur) 2:45 PM
Karaoke 3 PM
La Soga 3 PM
Should I Really Do It? (Bunu Gerçekten Yapmali Miyim?) 3:15 PM
A Gun to the Head followed by 5 Dysfunctional People in a Car 4:30 PM
Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags 5:15 PM
Crackie followed by Vive la Rose 5:30 PM
The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers 5:45 PM
The Unloved 6 PM
The Ape (Apan) 6:15 PM
Once Upon a Time Proletarian 6:30 PM
Stolen 7 PM
To the Sea (Alamar) 7:45 PM
Melody for a Street Organ (Melodiya Dlya Sharmanki) 8:15 PM
Castaway on the Moon (Kim Ssi Pyo Ryu Gi) 8:45 PM
Gigante 9 PM
George Ryga's HUNGRY HILLS 9 PM
The Wind Journeys 9:15 PM

ISABEL BADER THEATRE
University of Toronto, Victoria College 93 Charles St. W.

Hotel Atlantico (Hotel Atlântico) 4:45 PM
The Time That Remains 7:30 PM
A Brand New Life (Ye Haeng Ja) 10:30 PM

JACKMAN HALL
Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W.

Ahead of Time 1:30 PM
Short Cuts Canada Programme 5 4 PM
The Adjuster 7 PM
Petropolis: Aerial Perspectives on the Alberta Tar Sands 10 PM

RYERSON THEATRE
Ryerson University, 43 Gerrard St. E.

A Single Man 11 AM
Get Low 2 PM
L'Affaire Farewell (Farewell) 5 PM
Le Refuge (The Refuge) 9 PM
Solomon Kane 11:59 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St. W.

Mao's Last Dancer 9 AM
Leslie, My Name Is Evil 9:15 PM
Partir (Leaving) 9:30 AM
Defendor 11:45 AM
Youth in Revolt 12 PM
Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story (Ehky Ya Schahrazad) 12:15 PM
The Angel (Engelen) 12:30 PM
Cell 211 (Celda 211) 2:30 PM
Life During Wartime 3 PM
Bitch Slap 3:15 PM
Blessed 3:30 PM
To Die Like a Man (Morrer como um homem) 5:30 PM
Suck 5:45 PM
Under the Mountain 6 PM
Honeymoons 6:30 PM
Bunny & the Bull 8:15 PM
The Misfortunates (De helaasheid der dingen) 8:30 PM
The Man Beyond the Bridge (Paltadacho Munis) 8:45 PM
Ondine 9:15 PM

VARSITY
Manulife Centre 55 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor

Phobidilia 2:30 PM
Between Two Worlds (Ahasin Wetei) 4:45 PM
Five Hours from Paris (Chamesh Shaot MeParis) 5 PM
Deliver Us from Evil (Fri os fra det onde) 5:30 PM
The Traveller (Al Mosafer) 6 PM
Like You Know It All (Jal Aljido Motamyunseo) 6:15 PM
The Bubble 7 PM
Lebanon (Levanone) 7:30 PM
Men on the Bridge (Köprüdekiler) 7:30 PM
Every Day is a Holiday (Chaque jour est une fête) 7:45 PM
A History of Israeli Cinema Part 1 (Historia Shel Hakolnoah Israeli) 8:30 PM
Heiran 9 PM
Slovenian Girl (Slovenka) 9 PM
Kamui (Kamui Gaiden) 9:15 PM
Cole 10 PM

WINTER GARDEN THEATRE
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre, 189 Yonge St.

Mother and Child 12:30 PM
Leaves of Grass 4 PM
Prince of Tears 8:30 PM

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The Last Waltz 12 PM
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Corolla bang for your buck

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Without the Corolla, Toyota might not be where it is today — Number One worldwide.

Since 1967, more than 1,125,061 Corolla's have been sold in Canada alone.

Now in its 10th generation, the Corolla is built in 16 plants around the world including here in Canada in Cambridge, Ont., where the 2010 model is rolling off the line. In fact, Cambridge is the second largest Corolla plant on the planet.

And Cambridge had a part of play in the design of this significant vehicle.

It might not sound like much, but Canadian input included making sure the footwell pedal spacing could accommodate winter boots and that the door pockets could hold a variety of sizes of ice scrapers.

This extended to making sure the same pockets could accommodate personal electronics like cellphones and the larger PDAs used in North America. And, lastly, the door cupholders had to be big enough to hold a Tim's or Slushie.

There are four models starting with the base CE, the mid-trim level S, the near-luxury equipped LE and the sporty XRS. All but the XRS get a 1.8-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder producing 132 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque with a choice of a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic on the CE and S with the automatic standard on the LE.

The built-in-Canada 2010 Toyota Corolla looks bigger than a compact car yet it gets up to about 5.7L/100km on the highway.

2010 Toyota Corolla CE

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Base, $16,169, as tested $19,335
Engine: 1.8-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC
HP/Torque: 132 hp, 128 lb/ft

Highlights

- Affordable
- Compact car with space
- Good fuel economy

Tested here is the CE with automatic transmission with a fuel consumption rating of 7.6L/100 km city and 5.7L/100 km highway which equates to 37 mpg in the city and 50 mpg on the highway. The manual is marginally better at 7.5/5.6L/100 km city/highway.

In common with most new cars there days, the 2010 Corolla is much bigger in flesh than it looks on websites or in brochures. With an overall length of 4,540 mm (178.7 in) and a wheelbase of 1,465 mm (102.4 in) the Corolla is well and truly pushing the outer limits as a "compact" car.

The CE tested here has a base price of $16,160, the four-speed automatic adding $1,000.

So what can you expect from a sub-$20,000 car?

Fuel economy was already mentioned but the engine itself is a marvel of technology with dual variable valve timing, fuel injection, direct ignition and even a fly-by-wire throttle system with intelligence.

The interior of even the base car like this CE is tastefully turned out in a nice mix of materials and all fitted together like it was a Lexus.

The latter looks at speed, fuel consumption and load and works out the best way to optimize power with efficiency while limiting emissions.

Even though this is a base car, it doesn't feel cheap. The cloth seats are comfy and supportive at the same time and large enough for ample-sized persons such as myself.

The three-spoke steering wheel has both telescope and tilt; pretty good for a sub-$20,000 car.

There is a difference between an inexpensive car and a cheap car and buyers known the difference.

It's not so much a secret of Toyota's success, but a core philosophy and why the Corolla remains so popular, not just here in Canada, but around the world.

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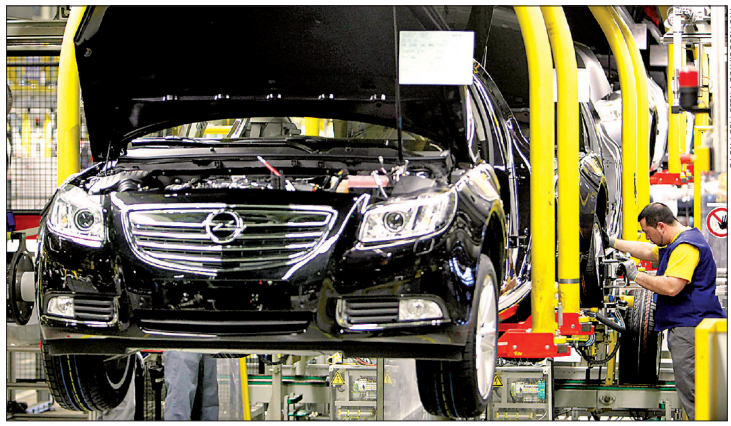
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An employee works at the assembly line for the Insignia in the Opel car factory in Ruesselsheim, Germany. Magna is all set to acquire a 27.5 per cent stake in GM's Opel division.

General Motors agreed last week to sell its Opel division to Canada's auto parts giant Magna.

When the deal concludes next month (barring any last minute hitches), it will end one of longest droughts in Canadian history.

No, not as long as the Toronto Maple Leaf drought, but still long by any other standard…

The last time an automaker was Canadian owned?

Well you have to go back to those lovely disco years, in the mid-1970s, when American Malcolm Bricklin set up shop in Saint John, N.B., with millions of the province's dollars, to build his mid-engine sports car.

Numerous pseudo-Canadian car companies have dotted our landscape in the decades between 1930 and 1970. But if you're looking for a totally Canadian car company with any substance and some name recognition, you have to go all the way back to McLaughlin, which was sold to GM in 1918.

That's why this Magna deal is such big news. Great news even.

The basic deal looks like this: Magna and the Russian bank, Sherbank, equally split a 55 per cent of share of Opel (27.5 per cent each). GM retains a 35 percent share. The remaining 10 per cent is held by trade unions.

This "new" company can make and sell cars under the Opel name — except in the U.S. and China.

The German government will loan this group many millions of marks for restructuring. As such, it will be hard politically for the "new Opel" to rationalize operations in the EU.

The key to its success then, appears to lie in Russia, where low-cost production and a burgeoning middle class beckon. GM has already noted that Sherbank is just holding a place for Russian automaker GAZ, which needs a few months to get its act together to get in on this deal.

Is that a global deal or what?

But I think the most intriguing aspect of it, for Canadians at least, is that this new entity can make and sell cars under the Opel name in Canada starting in the third quarter of 2012.

It's definitely a bummer that such cars couldn't be sold in the U.S., a close and lucrative market if there ever was one.

But Magna chief Frank Stronach is a smart man. He came to Canada as young man with just $200 to his name, and built one of the largest manufacturing companies in the world. I'm guessing he's got something figured out.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Second Gear

MODEL: Lexus LX, 1998-2007

VEHICLE TYPE: Large luxury SUV

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The second-generation of Lexus's flagship SUV ran from 1998 to 2007. The third-generation model is on sale now. This machine featured a rugged four wheel drive system, V8 power and an automatic transmission as standard. With a low-range transfer case, generous ground clearance and a truck-frame construction, LX was capable of tackling trails or towing as needed.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Owners commonly report loving the space, capability and high-end build quality of the LX. Confident operation in any weather make it a favorite amongst families active with year-round activities, and the stereo system is commonly referred to as "awesome."

WHAT OWNERS HATE: As with most SUV models of this size, most common owner-reported issues deal with hefty fuel consumption. Some report a vague and disconnected feel at highway speeds, too.

COMMON ISSUES: The LX's hydraulically-adjustable suspension system employs numerous pumps, sensors and switches to alter ride characteristics. If the rear-end of the LX is sitting abnormally high, it indicates a failure within the system. This well documented problem may result from a failed sensor, and could result in a pricey repair bill. Ensure proper, smooth and noise-free operation from the sunroof, and be sure to check for proper operation of the air conditioner, too.

THE VERDICT: Lexus has earned a loyal following of owners for building luxurious, reliable and high-quality machines. If no major issues present themselves, a well-maintained LX should offer reliable and confident operation for many years to come.

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TOYOTA grad program

Smart headed to Targa

Smart Canada announced that for the first time ever a smart fortwo will compete in Targa Newfoundland. The endurance course covers more than 2,220 kilometres on some of the most challenging and picturesque roads in North America. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Wheels on fire

Grilling guru Reader loves his Mustang

A 1973 Ford Mustang. Ted Reader owns a blue convertible version of this model

Barbecue legend Ted Reader has many memories with his Mustang convertible.

Many people have Ted Reader to thank when they serve up perfectly barbecued fare for duly impressed guests. After all, it's Reader, widely known as the King of the Q (as his former TV show was called), who's showed them how.

From his various television shows including Grilling Maestros and Cottage Country, to the 14 cookbooks he's penned, this barbecue guru loves nothing more than firing up the BBQ and watching people dig into his succulent creations.

In fact, the Paris, Ont.-native owns an astounding 75 barbecues, grills and smokers, so many, that he has a barbecue rig to haul them around.

But one thing this award-winning chef is as serious about as barbecuing is his dream car: a 1973 metallic blue convertible Mustang.

"It was a Christmas present to myself," he explains of buying the car in 1994. "I drove it for the first time on Dec. 19 with the top down!"

And, although he owns two other cars, the one-time President's Choice executive chef, who developed popular products like PC Real Jerk Wings and PC Thick and Cheesy Burgers, loves putting the pedal to the medal (with caution, of course) in his Mustang, which boasts a 351 Cleveland engine.

"I like the feeling of being able to really let loose," he says. "Going fast with the top down is fun. And feeling the wind blow through your hair while listening to an eight-track tape of Supertramp's Breakfast in America just take it to a new level."

Over the 15 years he's had his Mustang, Reader has taken many road trips, but one memory that really stands out occurred while he was on the 407 several years ago.

"I was doing 170 km an hour, and I got pulled over," he recalls.

"I was asked why I was driving so fast, and I explained this old car just likes to run and it needed to be opened up and let loose. The officer agreed, then asked me if I was that barbecue guy, and I went on my way."

As he's quick to point out, every day in his Mustang is a memorable one.

"Going fast with the top down is fun. And feeling the wind blow through your hair while listening to ... Supertramp's Breakfast in America just take it to a new level."
Ted Reader

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at several magazines, including Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

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Fiesta: Who's better, who's best

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Ford has been teasing the upcoming launch of its new B-segment car, the Fiesta, for what seems like years now. We've seen its fantastic styling, heard its revvy engine, and ached for more. But Ford is being smart. Previous attempts at a "World Car" — a vehicle that's sold virtually the same around the globe — haven't been well received in North America. Remember the Ford Contour? Or the Mercury Scorpio? Disastrous.

So to whet our appetites even more, Ford set up a day's drive with the five-door European Fiesta — a vehicle that will share 90 per cent of its components with "our" Fiesta — against its deadliest rivals: the Honda Fit, Nissan Versa and Toyota Yaris.

Ford's first challenge of the day was a slalom course set up at Ontario Place in Toronto to let us put the Fiesta through its paces in a straight fight with the Honda, Nissan and Toyota.

On paper, the Fiesta trails in some categories, including number of gears (five vs. six for Nissan) and horsepower (116-hp vs. 117 for Honda, 122 for Nissan). But the Fiesta's fuel mileage trumps them all. The current Yaris is the economy king, with a combined 6.6 L/100 km rating, but the Ford's 5.9 L/100 km takes it to another level.

At the handling course, only the Fit had anything on the Fiesta. Ford has a reputation in Europe for great driving machines, and it's obvious why. Excellent steering feel, taut suspension, great brakes and few vibrations equal a fluid package. You can throw the Fiesta around by its scruff, and it's happy to oblige. The Honda has similar handling, but rides rougher.

Both the Toyota and Nissan don't like being pushed around, but might be better suited to the daily highway grind.

The Fiesta's other trump card is its ability to adjust itself to best match the driver. Its seats have the widest range of adjustment, and the steering wheel felt like it could be positioned in the backseat if required.

In the Toyota, tall drivers will have a hard time finding a comfortable position, and the Fisher Price cabin materials are insulting. Same in the Versa, although it does offer acres of passenger room. The Honda doesn't feel like a penalty box, and trumps the Fiesta with its flip-and-fold Magic Seats in the rear. The Fiesta's split-fold seats don't quite fold flat enough, and its 295L cargo capacity with the seats raised is lowest in the group, and almost twice as small as the leading Fit at 585L.

November debut

- Ford says "our" Fiesta will debut this November at the Los Angeles International Auto Show, in both four-door sedan and five-door hatch.

MARK ATKINSON/FOR METRO CANADA

Ford recently put its upcoming Fiesta to a test against its deadliest rivals: the Honda Fit, Nissan Versa and Toyota Yaris.

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Aveo 5-door LS model shown with PG9 and UE1††

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CRUISE CONTROL	✔	X	X
ON STAR¥	✔	X	X
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LOWER CASH PRICE	$13,995	$15,260**	$14,490**
AIR CONDITIONING	✔	X	X
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	✔	X	X
16" ALUMINUM WHEELS	✔	X	X
REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY	✔	X	X
POWER DOOR LOCKS	✔	X	X
HP / TORQUE	155 / 150	132 / 128	140 / 128
POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	5-year/160,000 km	5-year/100,000 km	5-year/100,000 km

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EV galore in Frankfurt

EMMA E FORREST
for Metro Canada

French car manufacturer Peugeot revealed its entry into the great race to offer the hottest electric city car, when it showed the Peugeot iOn at the annual Frankfurt motor show, which began yesterday with press showings.

The Peugeot iOn was among the many electric vehicles showcased at the ongoing Frankfurt auto show.

The iOn, which has a range of 128 km, a top speed of 128 km/h and takes six hours to charge, will go on sale a the end of 2010 — with an estimated 25,000 cars being sold each year.

The Peugeot is based on my favourite city EV, the fantastic four-door Mitsubishi i-MiEV, which confounds all golf-cart EV clichés, as it looks very cool, offers plenty of room, and has the safety standards and drives like a regular car.

The MiEV went on sale in Japan this year and is set to roll out across Europe this year. The iMiev is currently being tested in the U.S. for a North American launch. Mitsubishi has really caught the EV bug — it plans to launch no less than five by 2013.

Meanwhile other carmakers are testing or leasing out their own electric cars, including the Nissan LEAF, Smart EV and the MINI EV. The latter two are already on the road after they proved even more popular than expected, with drivers queuing up to lease them even at great expense.

There are more electric "reveals" at the show, particularly from Renault, which will be showing four new EV concepts. REVA, maker of the popular G-Wiz city car — there are more than 3,000 of them on the road already. There's the REVA four-seat NXR hatchback family car that will be sold start of next year, as well as a sporty two-seater due for sale in 2011.

Both models will feature "REVive," a technology that serves as a sort of emergency reserve fuel tank, allowing the car to be remotely recharged (revaglobal.com).

Meanwhile, Indian carmaker Tata has announced plans to build electric cars as soon as possible, with a facility to be built in Europe.

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Falling room rates
The Canadian Hotel Price Index by hotels.ca shows Whistler, B.C. had the nation's steepest decline in room rates during the first half of 2009 followed by Jasper, Alta. and Collingwood, Ont. But all three are still among Canada's 10 priciest destinations, with room rates averaging between $173 and $182 per night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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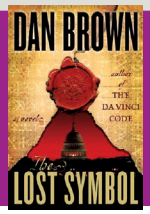

Dan Brown's D.C.

Destination DC has launched Washington.org/lostsymbol to help fans of Dan Brown's new thriller, The Lost Symbol, explore places and themes featured in the book. The guide includes an early 20th century Masonic stone temple at the corner of 16th and S streets, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. Fans of The Da Vinci Code novelist flocked to the Louvre in Paris and other sites in Europe that were featured in that book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro World News

Left, a romantic beach resort on Reunion Island, a French outpost in the Indian Ocean. Right, a dramatic view of a waterfall on Reunion Island.

Going on honeymoon presents you with a dilemma: This is the one chance you get to really splash out on the holiday of a lifetime, so you want to take advantage of it and do something exceptional.

On the other hand, after dealing with a year of planning the nuptials, worrying about how much it will all cost you, bickering with your partner over wedding venues, arguing over the guest list with your future in-laws, managing pre-wedding nerves, then rushing around on the day trying to talk to everyone you've invited, you might not have the energy to do anything too exciting on your honeymoon.

The chances are, you will be absolutely exhausted the day after the big day — there's a reason why the honeymoon cliché involves spending two weeks passed out on a paradise beach.

You'll probably need to relax and gaze lovingly into your new bride/groom's eyes for at least five days, but after that you'll likely be ready to explore somewhere exciting or astoundingly beautiful with your soul mate.

The key is to choose destinations where you can do both — get inspiration from our guide to two-centre honeymoon options.

Mauritius and Reunion
Relax in Mauritius

The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius is the classic honeymoon destination, with palm trees swaying over long stretches of pure white sand. The hotels here are geared up for honeymooners, so you'll be well looked after. Stay all-inclusive and you can chill out in comfort for the first part of your honeymoon, sipping cocktails on the beach, and eating in-house before getting an early night.

Enjoy wilderness on Reunion Island

There are plenty of interesting natural and historical sites to explore on the island of Mauritius, but if you are looking for true adventure, take a flight over to the nearby French island of Reunion.

France's outpost in the Indian Ocean is home to a live volcano and three huge dramatic craters or cirques. Plan a trek into Cirque Mafate, which is only accessible by foot, or cruise through the lush, green, wild valleys of Cirque de Salazie or Cilaos and stop off to admire gushing waterfalls or pretty colonial villages, or take a trek through the stunning scenery. Elsewhere you can visit Creole towns and geranium or vanilla plantations, or go snorkelling or whale-spotting on the coast.

Miami and Key West
Relax in the Florida Keys

This special strip of tiny islands offers the warm welcome and a laidback spirit of the American South, as well as the azure waters, tropical landscapes, breathtaking sunsets and party atmosphere of the Caribbean.

This is a great place to find an affordable, easygoing haven for your honeymoon, and enjoy relaxing activities ranging from a relaxed Hemingway-style fishing trip, a visit to the unique town of Key West, a cycling tour, dolphin spotting or taking in one of the Keys' annual food festivals.

Waterbabies can learn to scuba dive or explore the Florida Keys Shipwreck Heritage Trail in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. This line of nine wreck sites stretching from Key Largo to Key West has produced artificial reefs that are rich with marine life, and are suitable for both snorkeling and diving.

Party and shop in Miami

When you're done with relaxing in the Keys, step up the pace with a visit to Miami's South Beach strip where you can soak up the party atmosphere.

Tour the famous Art Deco buildings along Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue one day, then hit the shops for fashion bargains the next, or spend the day people-watching on the beach or in a pavement café.

By night you can sip cocktails in one of the gorgeous designer hotels — try the Gansevoort for the glamorous rooftop bar, or hit the terrace at the Mondrian on the west coast for the best sunsets.

Mozambique and South Africa
Relax in Mozambique

Traditionally, honeymooners used to stop off for a week on the romantic Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar before going on an exciting safari trip in South Africa. Nowadays savvy travellers are discovering the charms of Mozambique instead.

This former Portuguese colony offers world-class diving, white beaches and swaying palms, deserted islands and remote spots in which to chill out.

Good to know

- When planning, bear in mind that if you take two weeks off work, and get married on the first weekend, you won't get two full weeks of honeymoon.
- Even if you are an adventurous traveller, be sure to book the first few days' hotel rooms – you won't have the energy to traipse around looking for somewhere to stay when you've arrived.
- If you need to budget, plan carefully. Go off-season when hotel rates are cheaper, or you will be able to negotiate a cheaper rate at your dream hotel. Get a cheap flight but don't scrimp on accommodations — you're likely to want to spend a lot of time in your room, and you don't want to argue with your partner if the hotel turns out to be a nightmare.
- Remember to say you're on honeymoon when you book your hotel rooms, for free upgrades, candlelit dinners and complimentary champagne.

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Odd Wisconsin

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Living the suite life in Las Vegas

Care for an infinity pool, basketball court or TV in the mirror?

PALMS CASINO RESORTS

PALMS CASINO RESORTS

Left, a pool at the 7,000-square-foot Hugh Hefner Sky Villa at The Palms hotel in Las Vegas, which goes for $40,000 US a night. Right, part of The Palms' 10,000-square-foot Hardwood Suite, which goes for $25,000 a night and includes a basketball half-court, in background at right.

A 930-square-metre suite that includes a basketball halfcourt rents for $25,000 US a night at Palms Casino Resort. At MGM Grand's Skylofts, you'll find a bathtub that fizzes with tiny champagne-like massage bubbles, TVs in the mirrors and airport pickup in a $400,000 car.

If you're worried about your mortgage and your job, such luxuries might sound downright obscene. But Las Vegas has always specialized in turning fantasy into reality — for a price. Several Vegas hotels offer suites with futuristic amenities, audacious themes, enough room to hold a wedding along with the honeymoon, and price-tags to match.

There are suites with massage and film screening rooms, 24-hour butler service, pools that seem to hover above the ground, even see-through glass show showers (cue up the thumping music).

Like Absolut Vodka? There's a sweet suite at Caesars Palace themed after its various flavours, though Absolut Raspberri doesn't flow from the faucets. There's also a suite at The Venetian that has its own gym and more than 20 televisions, another at Caesars with a golf simulator so you can work on your swing between hands of blackjack.

Palms Place Hotel and Spa, which opened in 2008, has taken the upscale concept to a new level, offering luxury penthouses in a non-gambling hotel. Sure, the blackjack and pai gow poker tables are only a few steps away, down a walkway called the Skytube that connects to Palms Casino Resort. But the lobby of Palms Place is soothing and quiet in contrast to the usual bright lights and dinging slot machines.

"The idea that you can be still a part of the Palms and not be in the casino atmosphere has been a huge draw," said Palms owner George Maloof. "Palms Place has an upscale feeling and is a place where you can just stay and order room service, but you're also still close to everything."

At MGM Grand's Skylofts, you'll find high-tech crossed with high-end service. Airport pickup is in a Maybach 62. Butlers pack and unpack your suitcase (might want to be careful what you put in there). Remote controls operate everything from music to drapes. Need a jeweler to bring some ice to your room? The concierge can arrange it.

And no need to worry about missing Mad Men while brushing your teeth. There are antifog TVs in the mirrors. And the tub can be filled with tiny, ticklish bubbles.

"When you come to Las Vegas, you want to be in the middle of everything," says Skylofts general manager David Federico. "Here at Skylofts, you have the essence of luxury, privacy and true elegance in the heart of Las Vegas, but you feel like you're away from Las Vegas."

Looking for themed luxury? The Palms is the place to be.

There's the Hugh Hefner Sky Villa, which is furnished about how you'd expect: sexy reds and whites, leather, artwork picked out by Hef himself and a rotating bed with mirrors on the ceiling.

The Hardwood Suite, located in the Fantasy Tower at Palms Casino Resort, is hoops heaven: an NBA-sized halfcourt with Murphy beds in the walls so you can wake up and start shooting right away — off the floor, off the bedpost, nothing but net!

You can stay in a suite with two bowling lanes, another with a DJ setup and stripper pole, or the suite where MTV's Real World was filmed in 2002 — it looks exactly the same as when Alton, Arissa and the gang were there. There's even a suite designed to look like Ghostbar, a famous hotspot with a transparent floor atop The Palms.

Palms Place penthouses are privately owned and rented out, so despite being high-end, they are more than a place to throw your clothes on the bed in between casino runs. They actually feel homey, with full kitchens and fireplaces. Of course, the casino is just a few minutes away and a view of the Strip is just out the window, giving you the best of both worlds.

"It's always been the same thing: people come here to celebrate and have fun. That's been the identity of Las Vegas forever," Maloof said. "If you're in Las Vegas, I don't care what age you are, you're going to go out, you're going to go do something and you're going to have fun. So the idea of creating these special suites for these particular moments, that was the whole concept." Palms Place penthouses run $9,000 per night on weekends.

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Record number

Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park hosted a record number of visitors this summer and remains on track for its busiest year ever. Officials said nearly 2.3 million people visited in June, July and August, up about five per cent from the previous summer high set in 1999. See nps.gov/yell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Potter and the Orlando theme park

Wizarding World area at Universal will include rides, shops and eateries

It sounds like a new book in the Harry Potter series, but Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey will be a high-tech ride and the marquee attraction at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, a new theme park area opening in spring 2010 at Florida's Universal Orlando Resort.

The Forbidden Journey ride was named by author J.K. Rowling and described yesterday by Universal officials in a webcast revealing details of what the Potter park will look like.

The ride will takes guests through scenes and rooms from the blockbuster movies inside a richly detailed remake of Hogwarts Castle made to look more than 200 metres tall. Hogwarts is where Harry attends a boarding school for witches and wizards.

Guests will enter the Wizarding World through a station archway named for Hogsmeade, the magical village near Hogwarts. A plume of steam and a train whistle will sound the arrival of the Hogwarts Express. The goal is to make the experience immersive, so nothing outside is visible after guests pass the Hogsmeade station archway.

Rowling, known for carefully guarding the Potter franchise, hasn't yet journeyed to Orlando, but the design team has made several trips to London to consult with her.

Other rides include the Dragon Challenge, a twin high-speed roller coaster themed after the Triwizard Tournament and the family roller coaster Flight of the Hippogriff, named for a creature with an eagle's head and a horse's body.

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In this artist illustration provided by Universal Studios, Hogwarts Castle is seen as part of the The Wizarding World of Harry Potter area, to launch at Universal Orlando in spring 2010.

"Along those journeys they're going to be swept up into the greatest parts of the movies and the books. We've pushed every technology available to us to give guests a theme park experience unlike any they've had before," said Paul Daurio, producer of the Potter area.

The Harry Potter park will be part of Universal's Islands of Adventure.

Art and set directors from the films, including Oscar-winning production designer Stuart Craig and art director Alan Gilmore, were hired to translate the movies into the park.

Every shop and eatery is Potter-themed. Honeydukes sells chocolate frogs and Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans, Ollivander's peddles magic wands, Zonko's joke shop has Sneakoscopes, and the British restaurant Three Broomsticks pours Butterbeer.

At The Owl Post, guests can send letters with a certified Hogsmeade postmark. Magical instruments and equipment are available at Dervish and Banges, including everything needed to play Quidditch — a game like soccer played on flying broomsticks.

"The interesting thing about Harry Potter is that the stories are so rich in themselves, so deep," said Universal Creative President Mark Woodbury. "There wasn't so much difficulty (in) creating the look, it was, 'How do you execute at a level of authenticity that is unquestionable?'"

There could even be new footage of Potter stars shot on actual sets from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix and Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. A Universal spokesman declined comment on the issue, but the company was explicitly granted those privileges in its 2007 licensing agreement with Warner Bros. Consumer Products Inc., according to the contract filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"We've pushed every technology available to us to give guests a theme park experience unlike any they've had before." Paul Daurio

The Potter area will be Universal's third big-ticket addition in three years. SEC filings from the company estimate the combined cost of The Simpsons Ride, Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit and Wizarding World at between $275 million and $310 million US.

Simultaneously, the resort owned jointly by NBC Universal and private equity company The Blackstone Group finds itself on shaky financial footing. If it cannot find refinancing, $1 billion in long-term debt may be maturing as soon as April, the company said in SEC filings.

The Potter park is sure to prove popular not just with American fans but also with visitors from the United Kingdom, Potter's home and the largest source of international tourism to Orlando, with about one million arrivals a year.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Danielle Saba Courtenay, spokeswoman for the Orlando Convention and Visitors Bureau. "There is such an affinity for the characters, particularly in the United Kingdom, and we do expect that the pent-up demand and having such a strong name will drive traffic to the area."

"It's such a huge worldwide brand, and the only place in the world you're going to be able to experience it is in Orlando," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New Brunswick food fest

Foodies will descend on the seaside town of St. Andrews, N.B., from Oct. 16-18 to gobble up sturgeon, scallops and other treats at the Indulge festival of food and drink. Dozens of wines, beers and spirits will be also be served at a "wine trail." See indulgenb.com. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guide to world's best flea markets

SHOPPING Do you love hunting for flea-market finds? Budget Travel magazine's September features the world's best flea markets, including these:

• The 127 Corridor Sale, also known as the World's Longest Yard Sale, along 1,052 kilometres from Ohio to Alabama. The next one occurs Aug. 5-8, 2010.

• The Brimfield Antique & Flea Market Shows, six consecutive days each in mid-May, July and September, in Brimfield, Mass., with next year's scheduled for May 11-16 , July 13-18 and Sept. 7-12.

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National Geographic Traveler names best iPhone travel apps

TECHNOLOGY There are now more than 50,000 applications related to travel available for the iPhone. Here are a few of the travel apps recommended by National Geographic Traveler magazine's September issue as being among the best:

• Flight Track, offers real-time flight updates, delays and cancellations, while Next Flight helps you find options if you miss your plane.

• The Maps app, which is free, can be enabled to show traffic with green, yellow or red highways, depending on how many cars are on the road.

• Cheap Gas, a free app, gives you nearby stations and fuel prices.

• Trapster, also free, identifies speed cameras and known speed trap zones.

• Rest Area gives you a list of highway rest stops organized by how near they are to your location.

• Urbanspoon, which is free, queries a database to find nearby dining options.

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Dallas does a body good

City is vibrant, green and fitness-crazed

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

The Spa & Salon at the Four Seasons Resort & Club in Dallas

Live Large, Think Big is the Dallas slogan, but I'm thinking "live slim, think healthy" might also be a good fit. This proud-to-be-green city, boasts a number of great spas, a variety of places to exercise indoors and out as well as a thriving culinary scene. Here's a random sampling for the wellness-minded:

Where to spa

The Spa at the Crescent in the Rosewood Crescent Hotel is one of those places where you can easily spend the entire day. Not just because of the spacious spa and extensive menu of services but also because of other facilities such as the state-of-the-art gym, the variety of fitness classes and the all-day Spa Café, also open to the public.

If you're looking for a locally inspired spa treatment, try the Texas Crushed Cabernet Scrub or the Cowboy Boogie Pedicure which includes moor mud and heated booties.

Choose the Lavender Pedicure and you get to snack on freshly-baked lavender shortbread cookies. A few of the more unique and especially lavish treatments include the Javanese Lulur (I've had this in Indonesia and it's truly special) and the Bali Spice Boreh Ritual.

At the Spa & Salon at the Four Seasons Resort & Club, a country-club feeling prevails and day-spa guests have access to a number of resort extras such as an outdoor jogging track and swimming pools. The resort also has two golf courses, a mega sports club and 12 tennis courts. Of course, enjoying the day just sitting around the beautifully-appointed spa lounge, where gauzy drapery creates cozy corners for enjoying a spa lunch, is another way to go.

When it comes to bragging rights, the Spa at the Ritz Carlton boasts the eight-hand massage. Many spas offer four-hand massages — two therapists working simultaneously — but eight hands on? Totally Dallas.

Where to eat

Tucked into the Oakcliff neighbourhood, the original Spiral Diner & Bakery serves vegan comfort food — no meat, no dairy, no eggs, with mostly organic ingredients. Try the Mitch Tofu Club, a grilled tofu sandwich with soy "bacon" bits and chipotle majo. On Sundays, there's an all-you-can-eat pancake (whole wheat, no dairy) breakfast. The place isn't fancy but the food is great.

For something more elegant, I suggest the posh Pyramid Restaurant at Fairmont where executive chef JW Foster is so into the local-sourcing scene he has created his own substantial roof top garden. In season, it supplies the entire hotel with all the herbs and about 75 per cent of veggies including heirloom tomatoes, about half a dozen varieties of chili peppers and watermelon made into sorbet for serving during the winter.

Villa-O, a Knox-Henderson neighbourhood trattoria with classic Italian cuisine, a subtle nautical theme and a popular outdoor patio might just serve up the tastiest healthy pizza on the planet. Healthy because the crust is made with semolina and wheat flour, and the toppings are all organic or naturally raised. The portabello mushroom "fries" served with tomato aioli dip are also delicious.

Where to run/ cycle

The conciege at the Mansion on Turtle Creek recommends the Katy Trail, a former rail track that runs through the heart of the city. The trail is somewhat elevated, allowing for views of parkland, upscale neighbourhoods and downtown skylines along the way.

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Above, photos of the romantic Kirkman's Camp in the Sabi Sands reserve in South Africa.

Planning two-centred honeymoons

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Transportation links and infrastructure are better in the southern part, which is a playground for weekenders from Johannesburg; and the northern stretch of coast is for the more adventurous, with its wide open spaces and remote luxury lodges.

Have a safari adventure in South Africa

Thanks to the weak South African rand, your holiday money will go a long way in South Africa, so you'll be able to splash out on a luxurious safari trip. This involves dawn-starts and full days of chasing round and tracking down lions, giraffes, hyenas, cheetahs and elephants and friends, interspersed with some serious eating.

You'll probably be all safaried-out after two to three days of game spotting so you can invest in an unforgettable experience. And Beyond is the biggest and best safari operator in Africa — not only do their safari camps offer impeccable service and unforgettable locations, they are also active in conservation, not only of the wildlife but of local communities near their reserves, so you'll be doing good when you invest in their holidays.

A romantic choice is Kirkman's Camp, in the Sabi Sands private reserve. Adjacent to Kruger, you'll enjoy the benefits of the wildlife that runs between the two but without the crowds.

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Baby on the way

Colin Farrell and girlfriend Alicja Bachleda are expecting a baby, and the actor couldn't be happier about it. "Yeah, I'm going to be a father again," Farrell told People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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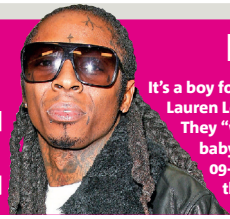

Lil one

It's a boy for rapper Lil Wayne and Lauren London, E! Online reports. They "welcomed their healthy baby boy into the world on 09-09-09," London's rep said this week. POPEATER.COM

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Sheen plays underdog

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Michael Sheen seems to be drawn to the underdog. A quick glance of the British actor's recent resume reveals roles like a newly-crowned PM Tony Blair in The Queen, an odds defying talk show host in Frost/Nixon and a werewolf revolution leader in Underworld 3.

So it's no surprise that in his latest picture, Sheen once more essays a controversial individual who defied the odds, swam upstream and became a legend. The film in question is director Tom Hooper's superlative impressionist biopic The Damned United, starring Sheen as iconic English football manager Brian Clough, a tough, no nonsense ex-player whose legacy still courts controversy.

"Clough is more of a folk hero," says Sheen, in town recently for the films' North American premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival. "He came from the working class, he came from nowhere, really, and he took teams that were a mess and made them champions. He had this pure romantic vision for the game and the fact that he was 'sticking it the man,' so to speak, was appealing for me as an actor."

The Damned United find Clough at the height of his infamy, when, after inking a contract to succeed rival Don Revie (here played by Colm Meaney) as coach for top team Leeds United, he was sacked after only 44 days. But instead of focusing the picture on the ins and outs of the game of football, the movie instead details Clough's relationship with his partner Peter Taylor (Timothy Spall) and the ups and downs the two experience within this world together.

Michael Sheen stars in the biopic The Damned United,

"I think some sports films rely on the sport for drama," says Sheen.

"But really, I think that undermines it. Sports are already inherently dramatic that's why you watch them. Films should be about the characters."

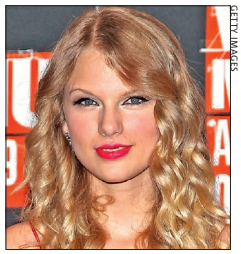
With such a highbrow, respected career that includes multiple award nominations and a successful run on Broadway in the stage incarnation of Frost/Nixon, some snobbier film journalists have criticized his occasional dips into pulpy, gory works like the Underworld pictures.

"At the end of the day, it's all just pretend, it's all just fantasy," he says.

"I actually prefer science fiction to any sort of social realism pictures. Phillip K Dick is far more culturally relevant than some movie about a guy trying to feed his family. I mean the scene in Frost/Nixon where Frost calls Nixon in the middle of the night didn't happen so does that negate its impact? Does that mean it's rubbish? I think not."

Want to see it?

- The Damned United screens at the Scotiabank Theatre tomorrow at 9 a.m. It is being released in theatres later this year.



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Taylor Swift

West calls Swift to apologize

It looks like Kanye West has finally given a personal apology to Taylor Swift.

Representatives from The View say West called the country sensation after her appearance on Tuesday's show. During the broadcast, the 19-year-old singer said West had yet to contact her to apologize for hijacking her acceptance speech on the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday.

"He has not personally reached out or anything but if he wanted to say hi (I would)," said Swift.

After Swift's comments, West called her and the two spoke, according to a statement from The View.

"After the show he spoke personally to the country music superstar via telephone and has apologized to the 19-year-old singer. She has accepted Mr. West's apology. The contents of the phone call are to remain private," it read.

It's the latest in the saga that has caused a national uproar. The drama began after Swift beat out Beyoncé and other acts to win best female video at the VMAs for her hit You Belong With Me.

Swift, the first country act to win at the VMAs, was exuberant after her win, but that moment didn't last long as West — known for his awards-show meltdowns — grabbed the microphone and declared that Beyoncé's Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It) was one of the "best videos of all time."

A shaken Swift did not finish her speech at that moment, but when Beyoncé later won for video of the year, she brought Swift out so that she could have her moment.

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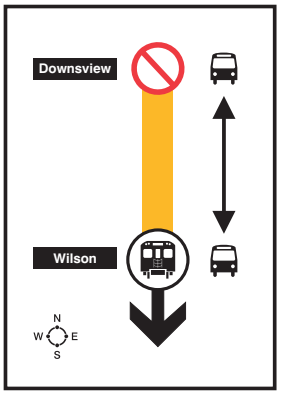

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Homecoming for Zahara Jolie-Pitt
It turns out that Angelina Jolie's recent goodwill mission to Kenya was also a homecoming for adopted daughter Zahara, age 4. Their trip was "the first time Zahara had been back home since her adoption," a source said. "The trip was about keeping up that culture for her." PEOPLE.COM

The enchanted life of Dan Brown

The mind of Dan Brown may be a cluster of codes but, in person, he is far from that — a smiling, sandy-haired man with the dimpled chin.

After six years of letting his work do the talking, he is back with his new novel, The Lost Symbol, and to reflect on how The Da Vinci Code changed him from unknown writer to a symbol in his own right.

"I wouldn't trade it for the world," he says in an interview. "My life is much more multifaceted. My experiences have gotten to be much more interesting."

His publisher has ordered a first printing of five million, oversized for virtually any writer except Brown, whose sales for The Da Vinci Code top 40 million.

Like its predecessor, The Lost Symbol — now in stores — is a thriller, puzzler, research paper and travelogue. Protagonist Robert Langdon returns from his European adventures to Washington, D.C., and is caught up in a fateful race against a murderous villain to find a hidden code that supposedly unearths a secret to limitless knowledge and power.

Langdon hurries about from the Library of Congress to the National Archives to the Washington Monument, a capsule of the journeys Brown took in working on the novel, travelling first class all the way with personal tours of the Library of Congress and other buildings.

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Dan Brown, seen here at the film premiere for The Da Vinci Code, based on his novel, has a new book out: The Lost Symbol.

The new book is centred on the Freemasons, the secretive, centuries-old fraternity that has included George Washington and Teddy Roosevelt. He has great respect for the Masons, especially for their policy of accepting people of all religious faiths. But like the backlash to The Da Vinci Code, he says he wouldn't be surprised if someone gets angry: "There will be a lot said, not all of it will be nice."

The Lost Symbol doesn't name names, but with criticisms of waterboarding and religious intolerance, passages suggest the author was not a fan of George W. Bush.

"The people who have read the book have told me that the timing of the book seems preordained," he says. "And they will cite ... the president (Obama) and the change in attitudes toward religion."

"What I'm trying to what to do in this book is send a universal message," he says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the spotlight

- Six years after Dan Brown intrigued millions of readers and infuriated scholars and religious officials with The Da Vinci Code, he probes the fraternal order of the Freemasons in his new book, The Lost Symbol.

In it, symbolist Robert Langdon is on a mission to find a Masonic pyramid containing a code that unlocks an ancient secret to "unfathomable power." But unlike the Catholic backlash over The Da Vinci Code, the Mason response could well be milder.

Brown presents the lodge as essentially benign and misunderstood. The plot centres in part on an "unfair" anti-Masonic video that "conspiracy theorists would feed on ... like sharks," Langdon says.

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Tributes for Swayze

Goldberg and View co-hosts honour actor

Whoopi Goldberg and her co-hosts on The View paid tribute to Patrick Swayze yesterday, with his Ghost co-star choking back tears as she remembered him fondly as a brave fighter and a gracious colleague.

Swayze died Monday evening, surrounded by family at his Los Angeles ranch, after a 20-month fight with pancreatic cancer. He was 57.

"This was a well-fought battle. Patrick fought like the dickens to survive it, or to get through it. He never thought of himself as someone who was dying," Goldberg said on the ABC morning talk show. "He said, 'You know, we're all dying.' And so his attitude was, 'Until it kills me, I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing.' ... He worked, he did his show, he just was a cat that never gave up," she added. "I would like to be able to be that. I would like to have that bravery."

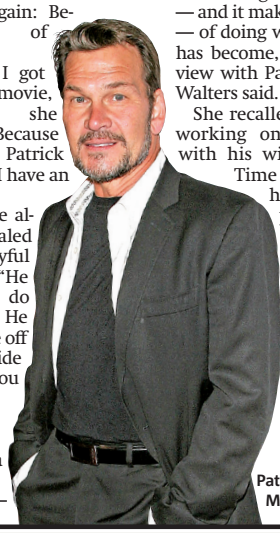
Goldberg also showed a clip of herself with Swayze in Ghost, the 1990 film that earned her a supporting-actress Oscar. She played daffy psychic Oda Mae Brown, who helps Swayze's character communicate with his fiancee (Demi Moore) from the great beyond.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: Because of Patrick Swayze, I got that movie, Ghost," she said. "Because of Patrick Swayze, I have an Oscar."

But she also revealed his playful side: "He would do stuff. He would be off to the side — you know, 'cause they'd have a camera on me — he'd moon me, it was the greatest."

Co-host Barbara Walters shared her own anecdotes of her time with Swayze, whom she interviewed alongside his wife, Lisa, at their ranch in January. "I had the, I guess the honour — and it makes me very sad — of doing what was, what has become, the last interview with Patrick Swayze," Walters said.

She recalled that he was working on his memoir with his wife, titled The Time of My Life, in honour of the popular song from Dirty Dancing. Swayze also continued shooting drama series The Beast toward the end of his life. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Simpson dog nabbed

Jessica Simpson's maltipoo Daisy was grabbed by a wild coyote that then vanished with the small dog, the singer wrote via Twitter Monday night. "My heart is broken because a coyote took my precious Daisy right in front of our eyes," she Tweeted. PEOPLE.COM

Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

CONCERT U2 brings its innovative 360° Tour to the Roger Centre for the first of a two-night residency. The show is sold out. Visit 360.u2.com for a look at the tour.

FOOD TV chef Ken Kostick will be at Margaret Frazer House at 301 Broadview from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as part of a fundraiser. Tickets are $25, children free. Call 416-463-1481 for info.

TIFF The Toronto International Film Festival continues today with film screenings at locations around the city (take a look at Metro's TIFF section for more). tiff.net

BOOKS This Ain't the Rosedale Library marks its 30th birthday tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Brigantine Room, York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay W.

DANCE The National Ballet of Canada joins in TIFF festivities by previewing choreographer Azure Barton's new work at Yonge Dundas Square on at 9:00 p.m..

GIVEAWAY To celebrate Mexican Independence Day, around 20,000 avocados will be handed out on Front Street near Union Station from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tarantino eager for Jewish reaction

Basterds director visits Israel to gauge interest

Quentin Tarantino says the most important part of his first-ever visit to Israel is to gauge the Jewish audience's reaction to his latest boundary-breaking film.

Inglourious Basterds tells the fictional story of a band of Second World War-era Jewish-American soldiers turned vigilantes, who slaughter and scalp Nazi soldiers as retribution for the Holocaust.

Tarantino, who also wrote the screenplay for the unconventional Basterds, defended his work of historical fiction and called the bloodbath of its Nazi characters a different brand of Second World War film.

"To me, taboos are made to be broken. They're meant to be pushed over," Tarantino said Tuesday at a news conference ahead of the film's Israeli premiere. "One of the things that I think is a drag a little bit about movies dealing with World War II for the last 20 years is that . . . all the movies have really focused in on the victimization of World War II."

The controversial filmmaker said he wanted to create a Western-inspired adventure story instead. The unorthodox film depicts an alternate universe in which all the top leadership of the Nazi Party are brutally killed in a single night.

"I'll be seeing it for the first time in an Israeli cinema. I'll be seeing it for the first time with an Israeli audience," Tarantino said. "I'm interested to see, 'OK, are there laughs here? Does the suspense work here as well as it works somewhere else?'"

Tarantino was joined in Israel by the film's producer Lawrence Bender and one of its lead actors, Christoph Waltz, who plays an offbeat SS colonel dubbed "The Jew Hunter." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAN STEINBERG/AP PHOTO

Director Quentin Tarantino calls the historically fictional Inglourious Basterds a different brand of Second World War film.

Perry kisses Brand

Katy Perry kissed Russell Brand after the MTV Video Music Awards, according to reports. The singer was seen smooching the British comic star at Lady Gaga's VMA after-party at New York nightspot Avenue on Sunday night. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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VIRGIN'S HEADCAM – A TIFF STAR

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Critics slam Leno Show

Late night host's new gig labelled Tonight rehash and worse

Jay Leno snagged mostly negative reviews with his entry into prime time as he stuck to familiar ground — just 90 minutes earlier.

Monday's premiere of The Jay Leno Show, which transports the longtime Tonight Show host to 10 p.m. EDT weekdays on NBC, was slammed as a "cut-rate, snooze-inducing, rehashed bore" by Robert Bianco of USA Today. And that was even with the presence of Leno's much-buzzed-about guest Kanye West.

The Associated Press' Frazier Moore identified "the biggest difference between Leno's new show and his old one: With his fade-out at 11 p.m., the local news began."

Of course, Leno has never been the critics' darling. The first response from viewers wouldn't be known until Nielsen ratings are released later Tuesday.

But audience numbers aren't likely to sway The Los Angeles Times' Mary McNamara, who called the show "a strange, shallow puddle of comedy."

"This is the future of television?" she wrote. "This wasn't even a good rendition of television past."

"The future of The Jay Leno Show is likely to look almost exactly like The Tonight Show past," complained Alessandra Stanley of The New York Times. "So much ink has been devoted to describing how Mr. Leno's new show would depart from his old one that it was startling to see how little difference there was."

Indeed, much ink has been devoted to The Jay Leno Show since NBC's announcement last December.

And many questions have swirled: Will a cost-cutting comedy show stripped across weeknights imperil more expensive weekly scripted drama shows? Will the audience embrace this NBC alternative to fictional docs, cops and lawyers? Has fourth-rated NBC found a strategy that not only will improve its fortunes, but also alter the programming landscape on rival networks?

Or will this prove to be NBC's biggest flop yet?

These are questions likely to remain unresolved for months.

The premiere was relentlessly hyped by NBC all summer, even prompting Leno to crack when he arrived on stage, "This isn't another annoying promo. This is the actual show!"

For his debut, he had booked a relatively big name, Jerry Seinfeld, besides lucking into TV's biggest get, Kanye West, who was not only able to perform a song (Run This Town, along with Jay-Z and Rihanna), but also apologize lugubriously for his bad behaviour on an MTV awards show Sunday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBC PHOTO

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld appears with host Jay Leno on the first episode of The Jay Leno Show.

"A strange, shallow puddle of comedy."
Mary McNamara, Los Angeles Times

In brief

FILM Actor Keanu Reeves had no problem getting inside Buffalo-area jails. The feds haven't been so lucky. The star of The Matrix film trilogy spent last weekend scouting locations for a new film. His visit included tours of two jail facilities that are the target of a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit accusing the Erie County Sheriff's Department of civil rights violations.

DEATH. A giraffe that starred in a series of TV commercials for Toys R Us and appeared in Jim Carrey's movie Ace Ventura: Pet Detective has died at a Boston zoo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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critics'corner

Judith Thompson: My Pyramids

News and documentary footage, combined with performance clips, paint a portrait of playwright Judith Thompson with a focus on one of her most powerful works. "My Pyramids" tells the story of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison — where inmates were degraded and abused at the hands of U.S. troops — through the eyes of a fictional female soldier. 10 PM on BVO

Supernatural

As a new season begins, Sam, Dean and Bobby (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Jim Beaver) deal with the aftermath of the devil (guest star Mark Pellegrino) rising from hell. Chuck (guest star Rob Benedict) has stunning news for the brothers about the fate of Castiel (Misha Collins). Rachel Miner returns as Meg in the new episode "Sympathy for the Devil." 10 PM on SPC

Hef explains long separation
Hugh Hefner says he delayed his divorce from Kimberly Conrad Hefner, from whom he's been separated for 11 years, until now for the sake of their children, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Their youngest son, Cooper, turned 18 this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

O.J. sued by kidnap victim

FALLOUT O.J. Simpson has been named in a new personal injury lawsuit, holding him responsible for heart attacks suffered by one of the victims of his 2007 hotel heist in Las Vegas, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who was held at gunpoint during Simpson's raid, alleges he has been hospitalized on several occasions since the September 2007 robbery, as a result of the terror Simpson put him through.

The former football star is serving a minimum of nine years in prison after he was found guilty.

According to tmz.com, Fromong is suing for compensation and damages for infliction of emotional distress, negligence, assault and battery.

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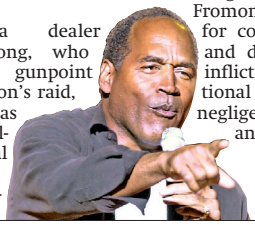


Whitney's out-of-control drug abuse

SHOCKING PAST Whitney Houston "forgot" she was a singer during the depths of her drug addiction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The music star admitted the extent of her substance abuse and the lowest points of her 14-year marriage to singer Bobby Brown during an emotional interview with Oprah Winfrey, which aired on Tuesday.

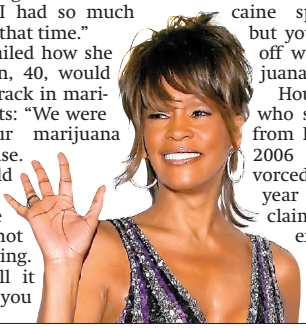
Referring to her drug use, Houston, 46, said: "I didn't think about the singing part anymore. I'd totally forgotten about that life. I had so much money by that time."

She detailed how she and Brown, 40, would freebase crack in marijuana joints: "We were lacing our marijuana with base. We would buy a kilo. We were not pipe-smoking.

"You roll it up and you smoke it in your weed. It's almost like heroin cocaine speedballs but you level it off with marijuana."

Houston — who separated from Brown in 2006 and divorced him a year later — claimed her ex-husband became jealous of her career. She said: "I think somewhere inside, something happens to a man when a woman has that much control or has that much fame.

"Emotionally he was abusive. Physically, no way," she said. But, she added, Brown's abuse spilled over one night after she had thrown a birthday party for him, recalling that "When we got back to the house he spit on me. He actually spit on me." METRO NEWS SERVICES



Glam new role for Michael Douglas

NEW ROLE Michael Douglas is set to don a lot of glittery outfits, as he's signed on to play flamboyant performer Liberace.

"We've already done some costume and wardrobe tests on Michael, and they're very, very, very good," director Steven Soderbergh told People. He also confirmed that Matt Damon will be playing Liberace's longtime lover.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Even celebs have cards declined

BETTER ASK MTV FOR A RAISE Being featured on an MTV reality show doesn't pay enough, apparently. The Hills star Stephanie Pratt got a rude awakening at an MTV Video Music Awards after-party when she tried to pay for a bottle of champagne, only to have her credit card declined, according to Page Six.

Her solution was to ask Holly Montag to cover it, but Montag wasn't too thrilled about that and refused to pay for the bottle.

"The waitress wouldn't give her card back until she paid for the bill," a source said. Pratt was later spotted at another party wandering around "hysterically crying," another source said. "She was a total mess."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Chris still pining for Rihanna?

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE? Chris Brown has publicly pleaded for Rihanna to give him another chance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old singer — who assaulted his then-girlfriend in February, and was sentenced to five years probation and six months community labour — has reached out to the singer online.

He wrote on Twitter: "MY HEART IS INCOMPLETE... the part that is complete is my love for fans, career, friends, family, God. But I'm missing someone or something (sic)."

To ensure it was clear who he was referring to, Brown posted a link to a YouTube video of his new song Changed Man, which features a series of pictures of him and Rihanna together.

Brown added on Twitter: "Sorry all, just one of those days."

The lyrics to the song include: "You need to trust what you do / It's you and me my love / But Ima make it up to you / And show the world / I'm a changed man."

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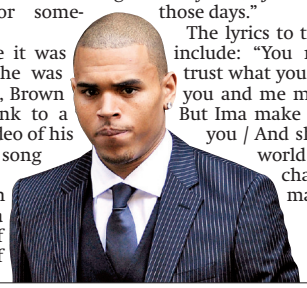

Gerard denies Kim at party

A GENTLEMAN While enjoying a recent all-star bash in New York, actor Gerard Butler was approached by Kim Kardashian's people, who said the reality star was interested in meeting him, according to MSNBC.

Butler's response? "No, thank you."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Happy birthday, Prince Harry

BIG BIRTHDAY PRESENT Prince Harry marked his 25th birthday yesterday by becoming a lot wealthier. The British royal's mother, Princess Diana, left her two sons a $35-million estate to share, and while they can't use the money until the age of 30, each is entitled to make an income off the funds starting at 25, meaning Harry is looking at an extra $500,000 a year, according to Sky News.

"I doubt whether he'll touch the money because he manages quite well with his army salary," a source said. "What does he need to spend it on? Very little."

METRO WORLD NEWS

A presidential view on Kanye

WEST VS. THE WORLD Everyone is weighing in on Kanye West's infamous interruption of Taylor Swift at the MTV Video Music Awards — even Barack Obama.

The U.S. president was asked about the incident during a press event, and he allegedly told a CNBC reporter he thought West behaved liked a "jackass."

An ABC News reporter quickly posted Obama's joking remarks on his Twitter account, but the post was later taken down because the president's alleged quip was made off-the-record.

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Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman finds a new role model, and Spencer Pratt likes to share his feelings.

• @SarahKSilverman When I grow up I want to be Beyonce.

• @spencerpratt I LOVE MY MOTHER IN LAW!!!!

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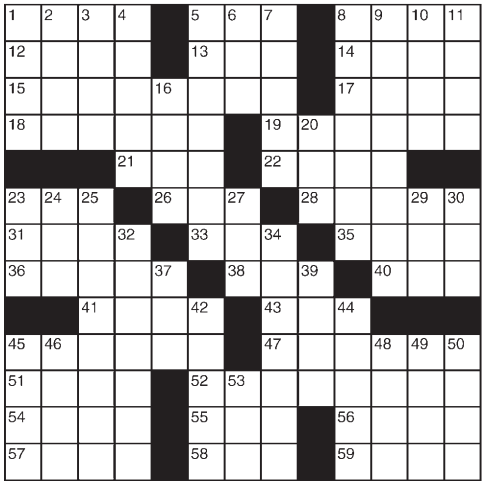

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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35 Birthright barterer
36 Like some seals
38 Upper surface
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41 Probability
43 Tease
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47 Slanted lettering
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52 Sooners' home
54 Bobbin
55 Slithery fish
56 Skiers' carrier
57 Gangster's girlfriend
58 "CSI" evidence
59 A handful

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6 Actress Mendes
7 Wash
8 Potential
9 Clapping
10 Assessment
11 Trudge along
16 Explosive sound
20 Greek mountain
23 Mellow
24 Type of lingerie
25 Baggage-claim structure
27 Vanna's cohort
29 Bill
30 Hero sandwich
32 Sleeping bag, maybe
34 Ape
37 Pesticide letters
39 Pocket bread
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45 Locale for 4-H'ers
46 Margarine
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Brunswick Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 broiler/fryer chicken (about 4 lbs/1.8 kg), cut up
1/4 to 1/3 cup (50 to 75 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) water
1 1/2 cups (500 ml) (375 ml) uncooked long grain rice
1 cup (250 ml) milk
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 tsp (5 ml) poultry seasoning
1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
Chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Dredge chicken pieces in flour. In large skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil over medium heat.
2. In large bowl, combine next six ingredients. Pour into greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Top with chicken.
3. Cover lightly with foil and bake at 350 F (180 C) 55 minutes or until rice and chicken are tender. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you want to find ways to strengthen your relationships this is the ideal day to do it. Affairs of the heart are under excellent stars.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It may appear as if someone is making life difficult for you for no good reason but is that really the case, or are you overreacting?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone who thinks you lack passion will change their tune when you turn the full force of your desire in their direction.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Certain people have been taking advantage of you and the time has come to do something about it. The current alignment will help you get tough.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Venus in your birth sign makes it easy for you to bring people around to your way of thinking, but don't use it as an excuse to impose your ideas.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Everyday affairs are under good stars today and they will be even better if you strive to make people happy, at home and at work.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The pace of life will pick up dramatically very soon and you will find yourself running all over the place. Today, though, you must find time to relax.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Most of the time you prefer to keep work matters and affairs of the heart separate, but the cosmic picture will bring them together today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't often get emotional but you will do so today, and for the best possible reasons. The force of your emotions may surprise loved ones.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone you work alongside is impressed by the way you conduct yourself and will recommend you for bigger and better things.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be attracted to someone you meet socially and it could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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